

People - 1400 People Top FMB Need List

By Jennifer Hall
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Southern Baptist missionaries in the 92 fields assess their needs each year and, in essence, send a letter for help.

People, prayer, and finances combine to answer those letters of request from the field, says R. Keith Parks, Mission Support Division director of the Foreign Mission Board. Right now the big need is for career missionaries.

Seven hundred, sixty-six. To date that's the number of missionary job openings on the foreign mission field for this year alone. More openings develop daily.

Job classifications span the spectrum — 59 different job categories in all. Something for almost everyone. Many of the 766 job requests are for married couples (although single men and women are also needed); there-

fore, more than 1400 people would be involved in filling the requests.

Despite the varied job opportunities, the big need is still for men and women trained and called by God for the telling of Jesus Christ — for general evangelists. Of the 646 requests for career and associate missionaries, nearly half are for general evangelists.

Take East Asia, for instance, where response to the gospel is strong. "More than three and one-half million people live in urban Hong Kong and Kowloon, and of these less than 10 percent are Christians," reports missionary James D. Hollis. The request for one urban evangelist is more than conservative, but that's their goal. Japan requests nine evangelists for its entire people-packed field.

In West Africa, where missionary appointments to this area ranked

among the lowest in 1977-78, one missionary wrote: "Everything seems to work here... Send me more people... We need more workers... Jobs are here."

Among the highest priorities in that area are seminary teachers, a physician, and French-language editor for Baptist publications. A mass media studio in Ghana was completed two years ago. Since that time untrained personnel have been giving part of their time attempting to produce programs and learn on the job. But Board personnel are hoping to appoint a radio-TV specialist with proper know-how to supervise the operation.

Eastern and Southern Africa and Southeast Asia call for more evangelists. In Botswana, for example, three general evangelists are needed, but also an agricultural (Continued on page 2)

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Lloyd Re-elected

Board Changes Procedures For Gulfshore Registration

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in its post-convention meeting last week, elected officers for the new year, changed registration deadlines and rates for Gulfshore, and heard a report from the Education Commission.

The board meeting was part of a two-day schedule of events that included a meeting of the board's Executive Committee and orientation sessions for all convention-elected trustees in Mississippi, including members of the Convention Board.

R. Raymond Lloyd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Starkville, was re-elected chairman of the Convention Board. He was elected by acclamation. Also elected by acclamation was James F. Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, as vice-

president of the board. Mrs. Larry Otis of Tupelo was elected secretary.

These three officers are automatically members of the board's Executive Committee.

By action of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, ordained retired persons in Mississippi with income from the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, can now claim up to 40 percent of that income as rental allowance for their purposes.

The board stated that "actual expense for housing up to 40 percent of the total retirement annuity received through the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute a rental allowance paid as part of the retired minister's compensation for past service."

The board also elected 12 additional members of the committee were elected. They are Irvin Parks of Houston; Mrs. Charles Tyler of Collins; James W. Street, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wiggins; William B. Webb, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, Meridian; Powell Ogletree of Hattiesburg; William P. Smith III, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nettie.

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CONVENTION BOARD OFFICERS

R. Raymond Lloyd, left, pastor of First Church, Starkville, was re-elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board during its post-convention meeting. The other officers are Mrs. Larry Otis, center, Tupelo, secretary, and Jim Yates, right, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, vice-president.

Cooperative Program Nears Goal

Mississippi Baptist churches passed the \$8 million plateau in missions giving for a year for the first time in history during November, when the 1978 total reached \$8,132,885.

There have been three record-breaking months in Cooperative Program gifts during 1979, and November passed two of them to become the second highest month in missions gifts in history. The month's total was \$862,356.

February of this year with \$797,367

broke the old record that was established in August of 1977. Then immediately a new record was set in March with gifts of \$817,817. August again, however, re-established itself as a record-breaking month with \$878,401.

The November figure was an increase of 10.6 percent, or \$82,693, over the same month of last year. For the year to date the increase has been 12.8 percent, or \$920,335.

The budget for 11 months would be

\$7,916,333, which means that Cooperative Program gifts are now \$216,552 over the budget for the period, it was pointed out by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The budget for the year is \$8,636,000.

Kelly noted that it will take only \$503,115 to reach the budget, and every month so far has shown gifts in greater amounts than that. He reminded church treasurers, however, that this

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Jim Yates, center, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, was elected chairman of the Convention Board Executive Committee. Other officers are Mrs. Charles Tyler, left, Collins, secretary, and Jim Street, pastor of First Church, Wiggins, right, vice-chairman.

In Eastern Europe

"No Need To Smuggle Bibles"

KANSAS CITY, Kans. (BP) — The world is opening up to the proclamation of the gospel Baptist World Alliance general secretary Robert S. Denny declared in his report to the annual meeting of BWA's executive committee.

Denny said he returned from an October trip to East Germany, Poland and the USSR, where he was allowed to speak clearly on evangelistic themes and even to invite converts to make professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

"Forget what you read about the necessity for underground evangelism," Denny said. "We now have the opportunity for above ground evangelism in Eastern Europe," he asserted. He also said the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the USSR has government permission to import 25,000 Bibles and 5,000 concordances. The BWA, in cooperation with the United Bible Society in Brussels, is seeking contributions of \$150,000 to buy these Scriptures. "There's no need to smuggle Bibles into Eastern Europe," he said. "Our problem is to find money to pay for those that we have permission to import."

Denny spoke also of the possibility of opening doors for the Gospel in mainland China, citing the ability of Presi-

dent William R. Tolbert of Liberia, a former president of BWA, to meet with a congregation of Chinese Christians in Nanking in July. He noted that Baptists in Burma, a socialist state, had baptized 6,215 converts in a single day in December, 1977, and cited a letter from Arthur Kinyanjui of Kenya, a BWA vice president, reporting 1,275 conversions in a two-week revival at Kigali, Rwanda, in June, 1978.

BWA associate secretary, C. Ronald Goulding, director of the Alliance's di-

vision of evangelism and education, said that evangelism conferences, training both ministers and laymen in evangelism, have been held in the past year in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

The three-day meeting of the executive committee also heard reports from committees planning the 14th Baptist World Congress at Toronto, Canada, July 8-13, 1980, and from a long-range planning committee an-

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Missionary Cannot Return To Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (BP) — The Turkish government has announced that James F. Leeper, Southern Baptist missionary expelled from Turkey in September, will not be allowed to return to the country to live.

J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, has made another appeal on Leeper's behalf to the Turkish am-

bassador to the United States. Hughey also asked that Turkey grant permission for a replacement to serve as pastor of Galatian Baptist Church, an English-language church in Ankara, if Leeper may not return.

Leeper was given 20 days to return to Turkey and get his affairs in order. His wife and children had remained in Turkey throughout his exile from the country. He went to Germany but soon after his arrival got word of his mother's death and came to the United States. He has returned to Europe and will live there if he cannot return to Turkey.

Following a brief imprisonment, Leeper was asked to leave the country in late September. The only hint of charges made against him came in October during a meeting of Leeper and U. S. Baptist leadership with the Turkish ambassador in Washington. At that time general charges relating to witnessing practices were disclosed, but specifics have not yet been announced.

The Turkish ambassador said in the October meeting that he didn't know details of the case but understood Leeper had been charged with dis-

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Christmas Will "Sparkle" Three Times At Village

Ruth Glaze, director of music at the Baptist Children's Village has announced the 14th annual production of "Christmas Sparkles At The Village" for 7:30 p.m. on each of the dates of December 7, 8 and 9.

The popular concert and Christmas show, staged by The Village's Department of Music will again be presented in Hester Activities Building on the Jackson campus of The Village, located at the intersection of West Northside Drive and Flag Chapel Drive.

There is no admission charge and the general public is cordially invited to hear an unusual program, featuring both sacred and secular music of the season, performed by a 140-voice mixed choir, including Village boys and girls from 5 to 18 years.

The announcement emphasized that "Christmas Sparkles At The Village" has been offered on the second weekend in December each year, since its origin, and that in 1978, a third performance is being added for Thursday evening, December 7.

According to Mrs. Glaze, many friends of The Village, including very young children, "golden age" groups and those with physical handicaps have found it difficult or impossible to attend "Christmas Sparkles" in recent years because of crowded audiences which regularly exceed the capacity of the building. Groups of children, older friends and physically handicapped persons have a special invitation to attend the newly added Thursday evening performance. Organized groups of these individuals may telephone Village offices and secure reserved space for the performance of Thursday evening, December 7 only. No reservations can be accepted or held for other individuals or groups or for any other performance.

Annually billed as a "choral Christmas card," the singing and performing of village children at "Christmas Sparkles" has become a regular feature of the Christmas season on the Jackson scene. "The Villagers" and "The Teen Choir" along with soloists and musical Christmas comedy routines will be featured in the 1½ hour program.

Merriman Elected

Jerry Merriman has been elected director-elect of the Mississippi Baptist Department of Student Work. He will become director June 1, 1979, upon the retirement of current director, Ralph Winders. Merriman, a native of Lufkin, Tex., was campus minister at Mississippi State University before becoming associate director of the department in 1975. He earned the master of religious education from Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex., after graduation from Mississippi State. He was associate lecturer Chester Swor for several years. Merriman is married to the former Rhonda Cox of Lufkin. They have two children.

Books Close December 29

The books will be closed on Dec. 29 for Cooperative Program gifts for 1978, according to A. L. Nelson, business manager for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Gifts from churches to be counted for this year must be in the office on the morning of that date, he said.

New Orleans Names Gandy

NEW ORLEANS — Jess Eddie Gandy, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Summit, has been appointed administrative assistant to the executive vice president of New Orleans Seminary.

The announcement was made by Don Stewart, executive vice president, who said Gandy's primary responsibility would be to serve as church work consultant for the seminary. Gandy replaces James L. Minton, who left the position in October to become a member of the seminary faculty.

Gandy is a graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg. He is now a student in the master of divinity degree program at the Seminary. He plans to continue his education after completing his present degree program in May.

Gandy has been pastor of the Summit church since May, 1977. He will continue as pastor.

How To Test A Baptistry: Try It Out Yourself

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — Engineer Salim Saudi's specialty is building bridges, but he used his talents recently to build a baptistry. And he was the first person to be baptized in it.

Saudi, a former Muslim whose wife is a Christian, made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ in May at the Parklands Baptist Church in Nairobi. After some training in his new faith, he was the first of 32 people baptized after a morning worship service in November. Two of his children also were baptized.

The church's interim pastor, Southern Baptist Missionary James E. Green, baptized the new Christians in the outdoor pool. Previously baptismal candidates and church members had to travel across town to another church to use its facilities.

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ton; P. A. Michel, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Earl Ezell, pastor of Meadowood Baptist Church, Amory; R. J. Reynolds, Newton; Plemon Ming, Brandon; Charles Dampeer, pastor of Iuka Baptist Church, Iuka; and Mel Craft, pastor of Tylertown Baptist Church, Tylertown.

Yates was elected chairman of the Executive Committee, and Street was elected vice-chairman. Mrs. Tyler was elected secretary.

A part of the two-day schedule of meetings was the two-session trustees' orientation that consisted of five addresses during an afternoon session and an address by Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, for a dinner session.

The registration procedure for Gulfshore has been altered so that no reservations will be accepted until March 1. These are reservations from Mississippi. Reservation requests coming from out of state will not be accepted until April 1. They will all be

made on a first come, first served basis.

A reservation deposit of \$15 per person above two years of age will be required. The deposit will be applied on the room and board rate. There will be no refunds if cancellations are made 30 days or less before the conference begins. Cancellations made 30 to 60 days in advance will provide a return of half of the deposit. All of the deposit will be refunded if cancellations are made 61 days or more ahead of the conference.

The prices of meals have been increased by 25 cents each to make a total increase per day of 75 cents. Breakfast will be \$2, and lunch and dinner \$2.75. The two-bed units will be \$10 per person, the eight-bed units will be \$8 per person for three to four people and \$6 per person for five to eight people. The efficiency apartments will be \$9 per person.

The Education Commission reported that total enrollment in the four colleges is 6,417. The full-time equivalent is 4,170. Broken down for each of the colleges, the figures are 340 and 284 for Blue Mountain, 198 and 180 for

Clarke, 3,466 and 2,273 for Mississippi College, and 2,413 and 1,433 for William Carey.

The full-time equivalent would be the number of students attending if all were full-time and the same number of semester hours were being taught as is the actual case.

The head count for ministerial students is at a total of 435 students. These are 87 at Blue Mountain, 39 at Clarke, 149 at Mississippi College, and 160 at William Carey. There are 160 nursing students at Mississippi College and 348 at William Carey.

The 1979 Cooperative Program budget calls for \$1,826,310 to go to Christian education with Blue Mountain getting 13.5 percent, Clarke 12.3 percent, Mississippi College 44 percent, William Carey 29.7 percent, and the Education Commission 5 percent.

Central Hills

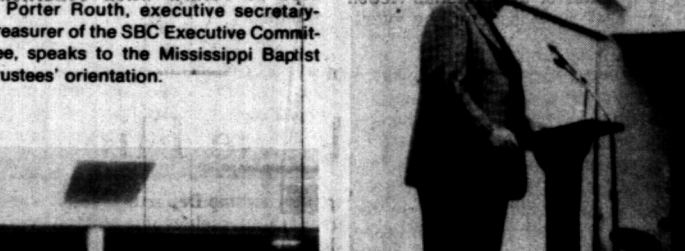
During the Executive Committee meeting the members heard a report on Central Hills expenditures to date as compared with the \$850,000 ceiling that is to be used in the camp development. The Convention Board thus far has spent \$21,397 and plans to spend \$97,000 more for camp equipment, program equipment, maintenance equipment, and a mobile home. The utilities, including sewage lagoon, sewer and water, pumps, electrical service, and parking lot paving is expected to be \$77,882. Miscellaneous expenditures are expected to amount to \$194,465. These will include recreation field, \$6,600; clearing building site, \$600; amphitheater, \$7,000; swimming pool, \$91,400; metal building, \$3,865; and two bath houses, \$80,000.

So far, architectural and engineering fees have amounted to \$5,173.77.



The Mississippi College Naturals perform at the dinner meeting of the Mississippi Baptist trustees' orientation at First Church, Jackson.

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evangelist. Out of 23 requests in Southeast Asia, 18 are for general evangelists.

Trends in missionary appointments this year are encouraging too, says Louis R. Cobbs, secretary of the Missionary Personnel Department. The average age for couples being named as new missionaries is younger. Men on their way to the field have an average age of 30 compared to 32. Women average 28 or 29 years. "It's encouraging that we're getting more young preachers," Cobbs states. Encouraging because the lower age makes for easier adjustment on the field, more mobility, and better adaptability to a new language. "These are all in their favor," adds Cobbs.

"One of the biggest concerns over the years," says Cobbs, "is the small number of evangelists to work with students. We've never had a year where we've appointed more than eight student workers."

"Many just don't know of the opportunities to work with youth and young adults overseas," he says. Cobbs has statistics. Seventy percent of the population where Southern Baptist work is made up of people 25 years of age and younger.

Prayer.

"Everyone agrees that prayer is essential, yet everyone demonstrates prayer as the most difficult to carry out faithfully," notes Parks. "Herein lies the key that will open the floodgate of blessings in foreign missions or in anything, else we undertake."

Foreign Mission Board spokesmen request: Prayer for God to impress men and women to commit their lives to overseas missionary service; for missionaries' needs on the field today; for the opening of new work in areas around the world; for people to open their hearts and minds to the living Christ.

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ticipating advances in BWA's outreach through the organization's centennial celebration in 2005.

Fred B. Rhodes, treasurer, said that income from 1978 has been below expectations but that the staff has curtailed spending so that the budget will be balanced at year's end. He said the contributions from churches and individuals usually accelerate during December. The BWA executive committee approved a 1979 operating budget of \$579,640 during its meetings last July in Manila and a relief "asking budget" of \$1,193,700.

Mississippians Moving On Missions

Dan Wynn, minister of education for Oak Forest Baptist Church in Jackson, took a group of 19 young people and six adult counselors to Freemont and Winona, Missouri to lead in Vacation Bible Schools in the Ozarks, July 29-Aug. 5.

Training before the trip was extensive, including each youth being required to attend an associational VBS clinic, at least three hours of department planning meetings, working for the VBS at the church, planning meetings for the trip, and training in canvassing.

Said Danny Bender, 28, a counselor

on the trip, "The love and prayers you take with you to a place where you are not sure how you will be accepted, will do more to make your faiths stronger than any activity used by a church."

Rod Moody, 30, who was VBS director during the school at Winona, reported that the experience helped him to better understand "that young people are willing and capable of accepting a very difficult challenge, and will, if given direction, produce positive results. This in turn motivates me to give more responsibility to our young people."



Wood

Boddie

Four Human Relations Workshops will follow up the Church-State action of the Mississippi Baptist Convention,

according to J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission. James E. Wood, Jr., Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., and Charles Emerson Boddie, President of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee, are the featured resource persons. The theme is "Government Entanglement and the First Amendment."

Mississippi Baptist colleges will host the meetings with sessions at Blue Mountain, January 15; Clarke, Jan. 16; William Carey, Jan. 17; and Mississippi College, Jan. 18. The sessions are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch at the colleges.

Richard Brogan commented in reference to the workshops, "Persons interested in recent IRS decisions affecting schools and colleges, taxation of churches and freedom to teach and preach will welcome the opportunity to participate in dialog and be inspired by the insights and preaching of Dr. Boddie and Dr. Wood."

Hensley said, "At the Convention several persons expressed interest in more information as to the critical issues involved, so this will be a unique opportunity for a follow-up to the Convention resolution action."

The workshops are jointly sponsored by the Commission and the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, of which Brogan is president.

Brooks Wester, chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, introduces Porter Routh, committee Executive Secretary, to the orientation while Convention President and Mrs. Bill Causey, Mississippi Convention Board executive secretary emeritus Douglas Hudgins, and present Executive Secretary-Treasurer Earl Kelly look on.

Government Entanglement Will Be Seminars' Theme

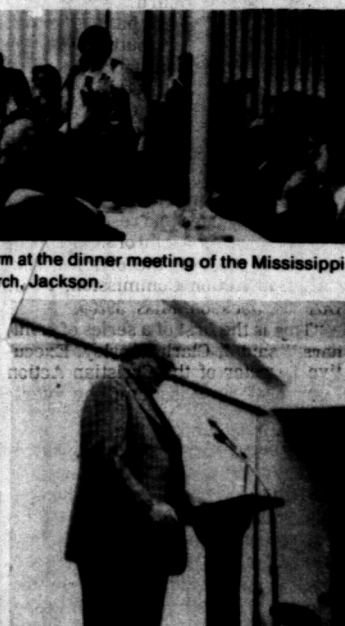
All of this makes a total of \$395,918.16 spent or projected and leaving a balance of \$454,081.84. Yet to be included in the price schedules is the camp center building.

Trustees' Orientation

Robert L. Hamblin, immediate past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was the opening speaker for the trustees orientation with the subject, "Method of Nominating Trustees." This was followed by a film presentation on the role and responsibility of trustees, and then there were four additional speakers. George Thornton of Kosciusko spoke on "Liability and Private Institutions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention." Robert King of Jackson spoke on "Personal Responsibility and Liabilities of Trustees and Actions or Non Action." The topic for Bruce Aultman of Hattiesburg was "Charters, Minutes, Basic Documents." Kearney Travis of Hattiesburg spoke on "The Exposure of Trustees to Federal and State Bureaucracy." The sixth speaker was to have been Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, but he declined to speak due to the lateness of the hour.

At the dinner meeting the Naturals of Mississippi College performed, and Routh spoke on "Basic Responsibility of Trusteeship." Kelly's topic was to have been "An Overview of Mississippi Baptist Convention Work."

Bill Causey, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, presided at the afternoon session. Raymond Lloyd, president of the Convention Board, was to have presided at the evening session but had a previous commitment. The vice-president, James Yates, presided instead.



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Volunteer Teachers Needed, Urgent Requests Go Unfilled

RICHMOND, Va. — The students were ready and waiting for school to begin this September, but no teacher showed up.

It wasn't a teachers' strike, but a teacher shortage. Southern Baptists' missionaries in five different nations have filed urgent requests for volunteer teachers, but no teachers have been found.

Several persons are serving overseas as volunteer teachers, but more are needed, according to Lewis I. Myers Jr., the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's assistant to the overseas division director.

One urgent request came from Pasto, Colombia, where four children of missionaries were hoping for a teacher this fall. The alternatives are for children to be taught through correspondence by one of their parents or for the children to try to find an American school. American schools are scarce in the outlying areas of many mission fields.

A volunteer, Hubert Williams, tentatively plans to go to Bangalore, India, for the month of December. Other missionaries plan to go to Bangalore if the situation worsens.

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Youth Evangelism Conference Program

Broadmoor Church, Jackson

Thursday, December 28

- 11:00-12:30 Registration
1:00-2:00 SEMINAR I Theme Seminar — Donn Poole — Auditorium
WOW Seminar — Randel Trull — Chapel
Break
2:00-2:15
2:15-2:30 Instrumental Music — Jim Grantham
2:30-3:45 COME TOGETHER THRU CELEBRATION
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Music" — Gary Hodges
Vocal Message — Lisa Rives
Theme Interpretation — "MESSENGERS" — Barbara Hamilton, Director
Choral Message — "PROMISE" — James Beasley, Director
Youth Testimony
Vocal Message — Kay DeKalb
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Inspiration" — Randel Trull
3:45-4:00 Break
4:00-5:00 SEMINAR II Theme Seminar — Donn Poole — Chapel
WOW Seminar — Randel Trull — Auditorium
YOUTH WORKERS SEMINAR — David Rogers — Room 117
Evening Meal
5:00-7:00 SEMINAR III Theme Seminar — Donn Poole — Auditorium
WOW Seminar — Randel Trull — Chapel
Break
8:00-8:15 Instrumental Music — Jim Grantham
8:15-8:30 COME TOGETHER THRU CELEBRATION
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Music" — Marc Beaver
Vocal Message — Cliff Seale
Theme Interpretation — "MESSENGERS" — Barbara Hamilton, Director
Choral Message by Mixed Ensemble — Jimmy Cutrell, Director
Youth Testimony
Vocal Message — Kay DeKalb
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Inspiration" — Randy Williams

Friday, December 29

- 8:00-8:45 SUNSHINE SHOW — Auditorium
9:00-10:15 SEMINAR IV Theme Seminar — Donn Poole — Chapel
WOW Seminar — Randel Trull — Auditorium
YOUTH WORKERS SEMINAR — David Rogers — Room 117
Break
10:15-10:30 Instrumental Music — Jim Grantham
10:30-11:45 COME TOGETHER THRU CELEBRATION
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Music" — Doug Polk
Vocal Message — Lisa Rives
Theme Interpretation — "MESSENGERS" — Barbara Hamilton, Director
Youth Testimony
Vocal Message — THE CRUSE FAMILY
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Inspiration" — Randy Williams
11:45-1:00 Noon Meal
1:00-2:15 SEMINAR V Theme Seminar — Donn Poole — Auditorium
WOW Seminar — Randel Trull — Chapel
YOUTH WORKERS SEMINAR — David Rogers — Room 117
Break
2:15-2:45 Instrumental Music — Jim Grantham
2:45-4:15 COME TOGETHER THRU CELEBRATION
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Music" — Rick Munn
Vocal Message — Judy Key
Theme Interpretation — "MESSENGERS" — Barbara Hamilton, Director
Choral Message — "NOTATIONS" — J. M. Wood, Director
Youth Testimony
Vocal Message — THE CRUSE FAMILY
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Inspiration" — Mike Warnke
4:15-5:30 Evening Meal

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Missionary, MK's Leave, Others Continue In Iran

TEHERAN, Iran (BP) — In the midst of continued unrest and anti-Shah demonstrations, a Southern Baptist missionary and three children have returned to the United States.

Missionary Beth (Mrs. C. Kenneth) Glenn and the Glenn's three children left Iran with other Americans who had been working there.

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MC Is Among Schools Receiving Federal Grants

WASHINGTON (BP) — Four Southern Baptist schools have been awarded grants under a federal program designed to help students secure employment in their major field of study during their college years.

The four grants, totaling \$117,735, were awarded to Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., (\$37,535), Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., (\$35,814), Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., (\$22,300), and Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C. (\$22,086).

In all, nearly \$15 million was designated to 316 colleges and universities, both public and private.

The awards were made under the Cooperative Education Program ad-

ministered by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW). According to a news release from the large federal agency, participating schools arrange with outside employers to hire students during their college careers, thereby allowing students to alternate periods of academic study with periods of related employment.

According to HEW, the funds are not disbursed directly to the students, but to the schools for administration of the program, training purposes, or research projects. One stipulation attached to the grants is that a school may not receive funds under the Cooperative Education Program for more than five years.

In A Pigs' Sty He Witnesses

MARIKINA, Philippines (BP) — Nick Arellano works to the constant sound of "oink, oink." He's the chaplain at a piggery in Marikina, Philippines.

Located about two hours from Manila in an isolated area, the piggery covers nearly 500 acres and houses 80,000 hogs. But it's surprisingly clean. Seven hundred men live and work there. Arellano is their chaplain.

The idea of a piggery chaplain originated in the Chinese Baptist Church in Manila where several piggery managers and the owner's brother are members. The church now sponsors Arellano's work.

A 1977 graduate of Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio City, Arellano has held weekly Bible studies in the men's dormitories and Sunday worship services and fellowship in his apartment for a year and a half. Thirty men have become Christians and one new Christian resigned his manager position to attend a Bible school. He says he feels the Lord calling him to full-time service.

Spanish Evangelism Surges

VIGO, Spain (BP) — With the dedication of a new chapel in Vigo and a record home missions offering, Spanish Baptists have launched a five-year plan of home mission work which calls for all-out efforts in evangelism.

The immediate plan for Vigo, a city of about 200,000 in northwestern Spain, calls for contacts with local newspapers and radio stations, courtesy calls on public officials, and saturation of the city with Christian literature.

Such a plan involving widespread public attention would not have been possible until a few years ago in this predominantly Roman Catholic country. Up until that time, churches could not even have signs identifying themselves as Baptist congregations, and no public notices or meetings were allowed.

The continued efforts of Spanish Baptists and other evangelicals brought the cause of religious liberty before the Spanish government, which also felt the moderating influences of

Vatican Council II and Pope John XXIII.

Some changes in government attitude toward non-Catholic religious groups began during the rule of Generalissimo Franco, but the greatest changes came with the new government of King Juan Carlos following Franco's death.

Two full-time evangelists have moved to Vigo to cooperate with Southern Baptist Missionary S. Dennis Hale, pastor of the chapel, in carrying out evangelism efforts.

A record home mission offering of more than 3 million pesetas (about \$45,000) — ten times more than ever before — was announced at the Spanish Baptist Union meeting. Part of the money will pay the full-time salary of one of the evangelists and a half-time salary to the Baptist Union's promoter of missions, Maximino Garcia, who resigned his pastorate in Madrid to work with the plan. The other full-time evangelist, Southern Baptist missionary Joseph W. Mef-

Government Intrusions Hit By Catholic Bishops

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BP) — Participants in the fall meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops spoke out against government intrusion into church affairs with one, Cardinal John Krol, asserting that some regulatory agencies commit "acts of subversion."

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Emotions rose quickly, however.

"The rights of privacy, personhood and religion are starting to be violated on a grand scale in our country," the Philadelphia prelate charged. "I submit that there may be acts of subversion by the agencies... There are terror tactics... I suggest that we can no longer theorize, but on every level must defend the right of religious freedom which is being subverted by government agencies."

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference presented a report which outlined several cases of governmental intrusion. Among those cited were the Department of Commerce's regulation requiring religious schools, seminaries, and charitable agencies to file an information form because they are "businesses." The National Labor Relations Board's claim to jurisdiction over Catholic schools, and numerous other cases.

Singles Again Meet Set For Alta Woods



Ann and Charles Smith

Charles Edward and Ann Smith of Nashville, will lead in a Single Again mid-winter event at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, January 12 and 13. Dr. Smith is a counselor in private practice in Nashville and Ann Alexander Smith is the Singles Consultant, Family Ministry Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. Ann is well known in Mississippi, having served for several years as youth director of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

The theme of the three sessions will be "Beyond Coping: Growth." The Friday evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m., with Saturday programs at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Church.

Registration fee and reservation for the luncheon, for a total of \$5.50, should be made through the office of the Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

"This is the first of a series of seminars," said J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission, sponsor of the event.

"The second will be a Spring Singles Renewal at Wall Doxey Park, Holly Springs, co-sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Oxford, Miss., March 3 and 4; and the other is a Single Again Retreat at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly July 8 and 9."

Threats Move Mission Work

BULAWAYO, Rhodesia (BP) — Mr. and Mrs. F. Eugene Milby, Southern Baptist missionaries to Rhodesia, have moved from Plumtree to Bulawayo after guerrilla activity in the Plumtree area sharply curtailed their ministries there.

Shortly after the Milbys returned from furlough, guerrillas killed a leading Methodist layman in their first action against churches in the rural border town. Guerrilla threats closed the Dingumuz Primary School, where the Milbys taught scripture classes, the same week.

In Bulawayo, Milby will work at the Baptist Publishing House. Mrs. Milby will edit junior Sunday School materials, help revise the Sunday School manual, and complete some Ndebele language projects. They are still responsible for work in Plumtree and hope to return when conditions stabilize.

The Missions Task

Look Beyond The Flimsy

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

The rate at which Americans are borrowing themselves into bankruptcy is amazing and alarming. People are spending money on the trivia of life like it was as plentiful as the world's supply of salt water.

Joseph warned Egypt of an impending famine and not only spared the lives of Egyptians but of his own kindred as well. The present acute inflation problem that is a blight on every working American will never be brought under control until and unless Americans and their government learn to live within their means.

Any time we are borrowing or buying on the credit we are living beyond our means. While most people have to borrow at some time to buy a home, and a few other necessities, we need to learn to curb our gluttonous appetite for things which we simply cannot intelligently afford. We are constantly being plastered by the media telling us, in effect, that we are second-class citizens unless we own everything man's ingenious mind has invented.

Christian people should be taught to look beyond these flimsy symbols of success to life's real values. We need to learn early in life that all the trinkets of the market place can't buy or produce security, health and happiness. As Christians we have responsibilities our pagan friends and neighbors know nothing about. We should march to a different drummer.

In our lives God is to be first. Our peace and happiness is not in the created but in the creator. We find that all the world's symbols of success are man-made castles, broken castles, that hold no water. Our God offers and provides us water from the living fountain that flows unto eternal life.

The Christian should learn to take pride in what he is in Christ, not just in what he has. All of the temporal world's rewards can be removed by thieves or devoured by moth and rust.

Paul admonishes us: "Don't copy the behavior and customs of the world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you" (Rom. 12:2 TLB).

In writing to Timothy, Paul informs him about false teachers who are "—men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain: for we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out; but having food and covering we shall be therewith content. — For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: —" (I Tim. 6:5-10).

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



St. Louis (RNS) — Anheuser-Busch brewery here said it has suspended its test market promotion of "Chelsea," a low alcohol soft drink beer because of criticism that it could turn youths into beer drinkers.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The Internal Revenue Service has gotten overwhelmingly negative reaction to guidelines it has proposed "to determine whether certain private schools claiming tax exemption are racially non-discriminatory." An IRS spokesman said his "guess-timate" is that 80 per cent or more of the thousands of comments received are against the proposed guidelines.

Burlington, Vt. (RNS) — The Vermont Ecumenical Council and Bible Society has a new goal: to assist programs that will wipe out illiteracy. A report before the Council's General Assembly stated that about 110,000 adults, or 25 per cent of Vermont's adult population, lack the equivalent of a high school education.

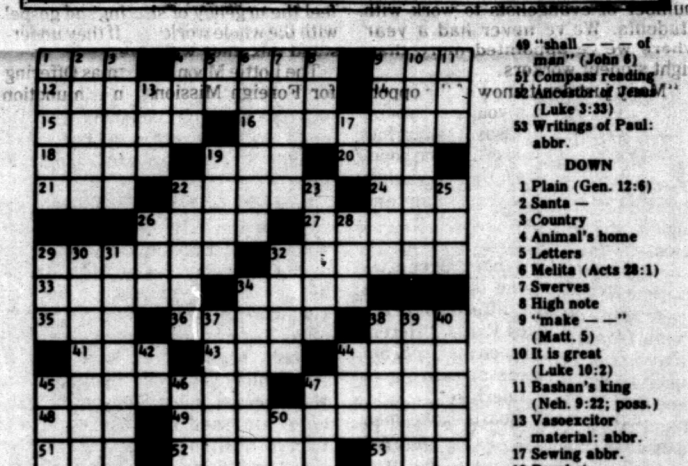
Jefferson City, Mo. (BP) — Voters in Missouri have legalized sweepstakes gambling by a vote of 953,610 to 359,665. The Missouri action, opposed by Missouri Baptists and other concerned citizens, made the state the only one of four states considering gambling in November elections to vote in favor of it. Missouri voters adopted a proposed constitutional amendment which allows sweepstakes gambling when there is no direct exchange of money or other items of value for the opportunity to participate.

Raleigh, N. C. (RNS) — The right of the State of North Carolina to collect unemployment taxes from them has been challenged by 83 fundamentalist Christian schools in a suit filed in Wake County Superior Court. The suit contends the schools are an extension of the ministries of their sponsoring churches, therefore they should be entitled to tax exemption, and that collecting the unemployment tax from them is unconstitutional.

Youth Evangelism Conference Program

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- 5:30-6:45 SEMINAR VI Theme Seminar — Donn Poole — Chapel
WOW SEMINAR — Randel Trull — Auditorium
YOUTH WORKERS SEMINAR — David Rogers — Room 117
Break
6:45-7:00 Instrumental Music — Jim Grantham
7:00-8:30 COME TOGETHER THRU CELEBRATION
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Music" — George McFadden
Vocal Message — Wayne Osborne
Theme Interpretation — "MESSENGERS" — Barbara Hamilton, Director
Choral Message — "HIS KIDS" — Bob Taylor, Director
Youth Testimony
Vocal Message — THE CRUSE FAMILY
"Right Thinking Produces Right Living Through Inspiration" — Mike Warnke



ACROSS

- 1 He had an unclear spirit (Mark 1:23)
- 4 "I will — them out" (Hos. 9)
- 9 Exclamation
- 12 "make — unto honour" (Rom. 9)
- 14 Find fault persistently
- 15 Mature
- 16 "— of the blind" (Matt. 18)
- 18 Rock (Judg. 15:8)
- 19 Search and rescue: abbr.
- 20 Under this word: I, abbr.
- 21 Man's nickname (Hos. 9)
- 24 Of copper: abbr.
- 26 Winter vehicle

- 27 For the mill
- 29 First foundation (Rev. 21:19)
- 32 "my — desire" (Rom. 10)
- 33 It brings contention (Prov. 13:10)
- 34 "from the — gate" (Zeph. 1)
- 35 Half of seller
- 36 "Every —" (Matt. 15)
- 38 Snake
- 41 Jewel
- 43 Ancient
- 44 Heraldic border
- 45 Signs' partners (Heb. 2:4)
- 47 "seven stars and —" (Amos 1)
- 48 Government welfare: abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Plain (Gen. 12:6)
- 2 Santa —
- 3 Country
- 4 Animal's home
- 5 Letters
- 6 Melita (Acts 28:1)
- 7 Swerves
- 8 High note
- 9 "make —" (Matt. 5)
- 10 It is great (Luke 10:2)
- 11 Bashan's king (Neh. 9:22; poss.)
- 12 Vasconcelos material: abbr.
- 17 Sewing abbr.
- 19 Prophet
- 22 Slumber
- 23 Rid the body of
- 25 Days' opposites: abbr.
- 26 Speed: abbr.
- 28 Cheer
- 29 Magistrates
- 30 "ye — building" (I Cor. 3)
- 31 "a great —" (Acts 21)
- 32 Stag's mate
- 34 More untrue
- 37 Spaces between bird's eye and bill
- 38 Get up
- 39 Sailing vessel
- 40 Famous Quaker: poss.
- 42 Abbr. for a doctor
- 44 Danish coin
- 45 Existed
- 46 Direction: abbr.
- 47 Unit of electric resistance
- 50 Toward

CRYPTOVERSE

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(Answers on P. 5)

Worldwide Baptist Growth Continues

WASHINGTON (BP) — Continued, steady growth of the Southern Baptist Convention and "remarkable" growth in Nigeria and Angola increased the Baptist world population by 1.39 per cent in 1977.

The Baptist population of Africa has more than doubled in 10 years to its current 989,971, according to statistics released by the Baptist World Alliance, which has 111 member bodies representing 87 percent of the world's Baptists. The Southern Baptist Convention in the U. S., topping 13 million, is the largest.

Last year mission fields of British and Canadian Baptists had 17 churches in Angola. This year Angola has 474 churches, a "remarkable" growth attributed primarily to a resurgence of vitality in the previously war-ravaged country and to the return of refugees from Zaire.

Zaire is the African nation with the largest number of Baptists — 286,988 — followed by Nigeria's 208,637. Baptist membership in Angola, not affiliated with the BWA, exceeds 24,000, some resulting from the work of Southern Baptists.

The United States and North America continue to dominate the

numbers among the world's 33.7 million Baptists. All but 236,000 of North America's 29.2 million Baptists live in the United States.

The number of Asian Baptist churches increased 317 to 11,529. Total membership is 1,445,511, up 24,402 from last year. India contains more than half Asia's Baptist churches and over half the membership.

Similarly, Brazil dominates South American statistics which have nearly doubled in the past decade. Brazil contains 450,273 of South America's 551,439 Baptists.

The USSR has the largest Baptist population in Europe, with 530,000, followed by the United Kingdom, with 258,326 and Romania, 164,000.

The 10 largest Baptist populations are: United States, 28,955,259; India, 832,944; USSR, 540,000; Brazil, 450,723; Burma, 350,771; Zaire 286,988; United Kingdom, 258,326; Nigeria, 208,637; Canada, 193,207; and Romania 164,000.

The BWA said an additional 13.3 million people are part of the Baptist community, which includes children and others under pastoral care. It roughly compares to the "inclusive membership" figures of other denominations.

Students In Bold Mission Rally



Becky Ratliff, left, from Mississippi State University was a BSU summer missionary in Alaska last summer. She was one of the students interviewed by Nancy Aulds, BSU director at Blue Mountain College, during the Students in Bold Mission Rally in Tupelo. (Photos by Irrel Harrison)



Stan Nelson, right, director of the student section of the missionary personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board, was the featured speaker at the Students in Bold Mission Rally at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo. Here he talks with Mickey Bailey, vice president of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Mississippi.

May the joy of serving Christ brighten your celebration of Christmas and give special meaning to the New Year.

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SBC Executive Positions . . .

The Mississippi Searchers

When Southern Baptist groups need to find someone to look for new leadership for boards and commissions, they certainly know where to look for those to do the searching.

Mississippi surely must be a prime area from which to find those who should be given the responsibility for such searches. Three Mississippians are on search committees of national significance at this time. Two are headed by Mississippians.

When the committee was appointed to recommend a person to the SBC

Executive Committee to succeed Porter Routh as executive secretary when he retires Aug. 1, 1979, Brooks Wester was named chairman of it. Dr. Wester is pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

When the committee was named to search for a successor to the late Giendon McCullough as executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, Bill Hardy was named to the committee, and subsequently he became its chairman. Mr. Hardy is minister of

education at First Baptist Church, Columbus.

A third search committee also has a Mississippian as a member; and, as a matter of fact, one church in Mississippi has provided members of two of these committees. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, was named to the search committee to find a successor for Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, when he retires at the end of 1979.

These Southern Baptist bodies are to

be congratulated for recognizing such men of responsibility among their memberships. And our prayers and best wishes surely are with these three Mississippians as they are engaged in such vital endeavors at this time.

Was there ever a time before now when three of our national bodies were looking for executive leaders at the same time? Surely this is a critical time in the affairs of these three bodies and thus in the future of Southern Baptist work around the world.

On NBC-TV . . .

"Greatest Heroes" Series Worthwhile

This page has not hesitated on occasion to say what it seems needs to be said about some of the sorry programming that is hard to avoid on television.

Thus it seems only fair to give some amount of credit for programming that is worthwhile.

The series on NBC of a couple of weeks ago, "Greatest Heroes of the Bible," was worthwhile. I didn't see all of the Sunday night and Wednesday

night programs for having been at church, and I could have wished that programs with such apparent appeal for church-going folks could have been scheduled on other nights.

I did see a great deal of the programming, however, and appreciated it. Perhaps the stories were embellished a bit to give them more continuity, but in every one the theme of faith in God was dominant.

These were all Old Testament

stories and highly interesting. The miracles were portrayed as miracles, and some of the stories were very touching. Particularly so were the accounts of the reunion of Joseph and Jacob and the protection of Rehab in Jericho.

I had always envisioned the walls of Jericho as simply crumbling down, while the show dealing with that incident showed them being struck again and again by lightning. In any event, it was depicted as the work of the Lord.

NBC seems to always be coming in third in the three-network race for the most viewers. The other two networks, however, don't seem to be presenting as many programs of this quality and nature.

The stories presented were David and Goliath, Samson and Delilah, Noah and the Deluge, Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, Moses, The Judgment of Solomon, Daniel in the Lions' Den, and Joseph and His Brothers. —DTM

Guest Opinion

A Tale Of Two Fortunes

By William E. Hull, Pastor,
First, Shreveport, La.

How often the deepest truths about life leap from our everyday experiences! Such was the fundamental premise behind the parables of Jesus. To Him, one could discover crucial insights about the kingdom of God from an observant eye which looked beneath the surface of the commonplace reality. We see truths illustrated in the same way in our day. Two news stories appeared on the same page in a popular weekly newsmagazine.

The first story told of the tragic end of Marguarite Jackson of Indianapolis, Indiana. Widow of the president of a large grocery store chain, she was left with more riches than she knew how to manage. Becoming distrustful of banks, she began to withdraw large amounts, sometimes carting as much as \$500,000 in cash home from the bank. After several extravagant gifts to children in the neighborhood, word quickly spread and burglars began to loot her home of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Because Mrs. Jackson was as distrustful of police as she was of banks, these thefts were never reported.

Finally, lawmen were drawn to her house after a neighbor, breaking in to put out a smoky blaze, found Mrs. Jackson dead on the kitchen floor with a bullet wound in her stomach. All about her was bizarre confirmation of the tragic way in which money had destroyed her life. Stashed in the oddest places were some \$5 million in crisp bank notes, but even this amount was \$3 million short of what she had withdrawn from her accounts. Apparently robbers looted the house, killed Mrs. Jackson, then set the fire in an effort to cover their crime.

Here, then, was a woman with vast resources for doing good whose golden

opportunity became for her a reign of terror. So frantically did she try to keep a greedy world at bay that the neighbors thought her mentally ill or demon possessed until a judge ruled that she may have been "eccentric, but not mentally incompetent."

Instead of learning to invest her money constructively, either through her own efforts or the advice of others, she adopted a "fortress mentality," surrounding her home with a chain link fence and leaving lights blazing through the night. In short, although she had everything financially, in the end she had nothing but fear, heartbreak, despair, and a tragic demise.

Contrast with that pitiful tale the story of Cecil Heidelberg on the other half of the page. For years a junk dealer in Andover, Minnesota, Heidelberg began to exasperate his neighbors by his boundless passion for collecting discarded automobile tires, a hobby begun before World War II. After thirty years of relentless effort, Heidelberg calculates that he must have amassed between eight and twelve million tires, covering ten acres and rising to a forty foot peak which has become a local landmark! Even though the community tried repeatedly to destroy this collection, the courts supported his position that there was not enough land in the entire state to bury all his tires.

Imagine, if you can, a man surrounded by so much dirty, smelly, worthless junk. But, as it turns out, Heidelberg was not so dumb after all. Much to everyone's surprise, his cast-off, tread-slick tires have turned out to be a bonanza in the dawning age of petroleum shortage. An Oklahoma salvage company will soon erect a shredder at Heidelberg's place and process the tires to extract oil and steel belting, using the residue to make an

oatmeal-like substance that can be mixed with hard coal to provide suitable fuel for generating electricity.

Ready for the punchline? The salvager's price to Heidelberg will make his lifetime collection worth as much as \$9 million! Here, then, is the reverse of Mrs. Jackson's strange tale. Having millions of what everybody thought was valuable — namely, dollars — she ended up with nothing, while Heidelberg, who had millions of what everybody thought was worthless — namely, junk tires — ended up with something valuable indeed.

Is our "tale of two fortunes" just as ironic commentary on the stage reversals of life? Or do we have here two modern parables on the meaning of stewardship? By trying to hoard her money, Mrs. Jackson finally ended up losing not only her money but her life. Heidelberg, on the other hand, in collecting castoffs that nobody else wanted, eventually accumulated something of great worth.

Strange as it may seem, the business of Christianity is a lot like that! Paradoxically, our faith says that the

things we try to keep are the things that we are most likely to lose! Furthermore, it says that if we will, instead, invest generously and patiently in the castoffs that nobody else wants (such as fishermen and tax collectors!), we may eventually end up with a priceless resource.

Such, at least, was the way Jesus saw it nearly two thousands years ago. And life keeps telling us, in the strangest ways, that he has always been right in his revolutionary approach to life. Think it over! Only you can determine just how "rich" you really are when the books of life are balanced.

Washington (BP) — An immediate and complete embargo on trade between the United States and Uganda was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter as a part of a bill authorizing expenditures for the international monetary fund. The measure, cuts off coffee sales, which provide the bulk of Uganda's money supply, and the sale of American goods to Uganda.

Town Doesn't Want "Temple"

Dear Editor:

There was an article in your paper, on the front page, in very bold, black outlined print on Oct. 19, 1978, that immediately caught my attention. It was pertaining to the "Temple Of Bacchus," in Wells, Maine. I am a former resident of the Town Of Wells, and I have the same feeling toward my former town, as I do for my country, family, and my name, and that is to defend its name whenever that protection is needed. I must take a stand and tell you that many fine Christian believers have taken a stand to prevent this cult from being established in the Town Of Wells, as well as the town selectmen. Enclosed are articles from the local newspaper stating that your article is not true or perhaps a better word would be proving that your article is not true, and that the State Of Maine has not recognized this so-called temple as a church.

It may interest you to know that the founders of this so-called temple, Vincent Morino and Charles Estes tried to open a restaurant in the location where the temple is situated, and because of the zoning laws they were not permitted to open as a restaurant, and therefore tried to establish this so-called church, for the zoning laws did permit churches in the area.

It is my earnest hope that you will correct your statement, and in your paper, and you may quote from the Wells Star if you desire.

Thank you so much,
Norma R. Kinsman
Gautier

Thank you for this correction. The item in question came to us from Religious News Service, a news dissemination agency of world-wide proportions. The news item from the Wells STAR gives account of the fact that the "Temple Of Bacchus" has filed corpo-

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ration papers with the State of Maine, which denotes neither recognition nor lack of it on the part of the state. The owners of the "Temple" filed these papers because they could not get a zoning variance ruling from the city in order to put a restaurant in a residential neighborhood. A church is permissible in the area, so they decided to open a church and have "church suppers" with accompanying drinks every night except Wednesday. They would serve these suppers for a "donation." The city, however, has refused to grant a necessary plumbing permit and has gone to court to seek to prevent the "church" from serving food and alcoholic beverages.

The two men who own the "Temple" have been "ordained" as bishop and cardinal in the Universal Life Church, which is based in California. — Editor

Gambling Laws Ignored

Dear Editor:

I want to commend your organization on the excellent quality you maintain in our state Baptist newspaper. I especially appreciated the reporting of the results of the votes on gambling issues in three states.

However, these results serve to remind me of something that concerns me greatly. It is the fact that while Mississippi has what I believe to be excellent gambling laws, they are ignored and unenforced. This is especially true in regard to the lottery statutes. The problem seems to be that lotteries are so widely practiced that most of the people of our churches do not realize that these are against the law. The law is really very simple. Section 97-33-31 of the Mississippi Code reads as follows:

If any person, in order to raise money for himself or another, or for any purpose whatever, shall publicly or privately put up a prize to be drawn or adventured for, he shall on conviction, be

imprisoned in the penitentiary not exceeding five years.

Subsequent sections of the gambling statutes cover such crimes as acting as an agent for a lottery (selling a raffle ticket or accepting a donation for a raffle ticket), shooting matches (turkey shoots), etc.

Our own Christian Action Commission has excellent materials which adequately set forth the corrupting influences of this type of gambling. It is my hope that the members of our churches will acquaint themselves with the law and insist on its enforcement.

Jerry Dale Patterson, Pastor
Temple Heights Church
Oxford

Open Letter To Mississippi Baptists:

Your generosity has reached out to me and mine across the years in ways beyond recounting: in education at Mississippi College for me and several members of my family, scattered in services for Christ, as well in former generations of my wife's family. We have kept up with you over the years through the medium of the Baptist Record. We have prayed for you often and have been thankful for our roots.

Here in Honolulu and in world famous Waikiki you have reached out in loving generosity to help us in a transition time, as we moved here from the New York City area following involvement for some 20 years. The Waikiki Baptist Church is a special voice to the world as people worship with us every Sunday from all over the earth. Through the compassion and vision of your Executive-Secretary and my friend and college class mate, Earl Kelly, and his dear wife Amanda, you have contributed to the cause of Christ in this tremendous, challenging spot. Owen Cooper reached out to help most significantly in the recent years.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Lottie Moon In Campina Grande

'Twas the day before Thanksgiving and all through the city of Campina Grande many creatures were stirring — even the three tiny monkeys MK Paul Trott had caged in his back yard. Pony carts were rattling; big trucks were roaring; horns were honking; dogs were barking.

I was beginning the vacation I had long promised myself in Brazil. It was late spring there, and very hot as I stepped off the plane in Recife to be drenched in a world of bright colors — turquoise sea and azure sky, scarlet hibiscus, orange-red flame trees.

With Edd and Freda Trott I rode for two hours through the sugar cane fields and coconut groves of Pernambuco and turned west to drive two more hours along the Transamazon Highway through Paraiba to Campina Grande, where the Trotts live.

For Thanksgiving dinner their daughter Mary came home from her school in Recife. (She will be at MC next year). Freda cooked turkey and dressing and pumpkin pies.

They had invited two other missionary couples, Presbyterians and Fundamental Baptists, and their children and a Peace Corps worker to share the holiday dinner.

That morning we had gone to a large new supermarket for last minute items, then stopped at one store for bread, another for eggs, and another for milk, the latter sold in a plastic bag. The afternoon before Freda had bought fresh vegetables in an outdoor market.

Before we ate, we gave thanks as Edd read Psalm 95.

It was not a holiday in Brazil, of course, so regular activities were still going on. Paul went to school in the morning, and Edd got up at 5:30 to attend a 6 o'clock prayer meeting. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church in the city and is also executive secretary for the Baptists of the state of Paraiba. During two months since these early prayer meetings began, the church

has baptized 24, and 28 more are awaiting baptism. The missionary gives God all the praise for such miraculous events.

There are four Baptist churches in the city. Wednesday night we attended the Igreja Batista da Liberdade which Edd designed and where Freda is organist. The Brazilian pastor spoke about the horrors in Guyana and preached on the text: Colossians 2:8.

On Thursday night we attended a white Bible service the YWAs were having at First Church for a new bride.

One morning we drove past the Cruzeiro and Bodoongo Churches — Lottie Moon built these.

Another morning we drove to the Paraiba Baptist Camp, a little way out in the country. It was in these blue buildings that the choir from Starkville slept when they were in Campina Grande this summer.

The camp has received \$5,000 from Lottie Moon. Among other things this has bought a new gas stove and a drinking fountain. Before these, the food had to be cooked on a handmade, charcoal-burning stove.

Papaya trees, banana trees, and ca hews grow there. And Edd has planted coffee trees he thinks will yield a good income for the camp.

He designed the combination dining worship area where the tables fold up against the walls. Beds provide for 150, but young people push the bunks together and sleep 3 to two beds, so that 300 can stay at one time.

Concrete benches form a mountain-top chapel. On an adjoining hilltop is a little house. One day, Freda said, a child came walking to the camp from that house and said, "Good morning, sisters and brothers" (claiming kinship in Christ). "I am a Christian now and all my family." They had been reading a Bible given them by a Southern Baptist missionary, Ann Fellaw. The father, though paralyzed, has since been taken to church, where he was baptized.

Children's Village Makes Annual Holiday Appeal

The Baptist Children's Village is inviting gifts to its Holiday Fund, an annual appeal for financial assistance at Christmas, which the Village traditionally addresses to individual Baptists and friends of children.

Proceeds of the Holiday Fund are allocated, first, to the cost of an appropriately modest number of Christmas gifts, purchased and wrapped by Village staff and placed under cottage trees for the boys and girls; and second, to the cost of food and milk for Village children at all locations, throughout the year.

The Baptist Children's Village is the Mississippi Baptist Convention's child care agency, operating children's home facilities near Jackson, in Tate County near Independence, and in New Albany, in addition to Village-supervised foster homes in virtually every area of the state. Records at the child care agency indicate that more than 400 different neglected and dependent boys and girls have been admitted to custodial care during 1978.

The administration at The Children's Village is emphasizing the importance of Holiday Fund gifts, has

revealed that money gifts to this fund have come to represent The Village's major resource for purchase of food needs during the year and that the Holiday Fund is now relied upon to produce more operating money than any other designated gift source, excepting the Mother's Day appeal to churches.

The cost of food and food supplies for all Village installations has reportedly risen to all-time highs and is expected to increase dramatically again during the year ahead.

Paul N. Nunnery, The Village's executive director said, "Acceptance, encouragement and a sense of worth- wholeness comes to Village boys and girls who have felt the sting of rejection, neglect and defeat as you, their friends, share the selfless spirit of the Christ of Christmas with them."

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Just For The Record



SIX MEMBERS OF CLARKSDALE CHURCH have completed a five-hour study course in Woman's Missionary Union leadership. The course, which covers the Baptist Young Women Manual, is required for Baptist Young Women officers and members. Seated, from left, Mrs. Leslie Jacob, BYW director for Riverside Association; Mrs. Richard Rollins, WMU director for the Association; and Mrs. David Gladden, BYW president at Clarksdale; and standing, from left, Clarksdale BYW members Mrs. James Davenport, Mrs. Dale Conner, Mrs. Doug Ray, and Miss Carmen Hayes. — Photo by Aden



First Church, Greenville, was one of Mississippi's Magnificent Minority in Church Training during the church year 1977-78. They earned Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide. Pictured above are some of the key leaders of the Church Training Program: Bob Fulmer, Adult Leader; Pat Moose, Adult Leader; Dr. James L. Hefflin, Pastor; Keith Allen, Church Training Director; Bob Baker, Youth Leader; Mrs. Sylvia Garlett, Preschool Leader; Susan Ezell, Children's Leader.



Clear Creek Baptist Church has had an outstanding year in Church Training under the leadership of its director, Howard Waller, and pastor, Ken McMillen. One accomplishment was earning Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide. Pictured above are some of the leaders who made this achievement possible: P. A. Waller, Mrs. Jimmie Lou Sanders, Mrs. Ralph B. Waller, Aubrey Briscoe, O. C. Ross, Harry Ayles, and Howard Waller. All training groups and departments were awarded certificates. The church participated in a Church Training Growth Project in April. Church members earned 69 Church Training study course awards, more than all other churches in their association combined. The pastor led the way by earning two Church Training Leadership diplomas.

Names In The News

Dale Holloway, superintendent of elementary education for the Mississippi Department of Education, spoke, Nov. 13, to a group of seminary faculty members at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, on the role of the bi-vocational pastor.

Holloway is a bi-vocational pastor, serving Day Star Baptist Mission in Rankin County. The conference was called by the Home Mission Board to consider initiating a new curriculum that would better prepare students for bi-vocational fields, according to Holloway.

Holloway attended Midwestern as a student and served as pastor of Pearl St. Baptist Church in Paola, Kans., a church he helped organize. While in Missouri for the conference, he spoke at his former church.

Celeste Loucks, assistant editor of "Home Missions" magazine since 1975, has been promoted to editor of book publication services at the Home Mission Board. Elected during the November meeting of the board of directors, she succeeds Elaine Furlow, book editor since 1974, who has relocated in Washington, D. C.

Jim Irwin, the astronaut, and his wife Mary will be at First Church, Tupelo, Dec. 8, 9, and 10. They will speak at the church's mission banquet Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. and bring messages at the church on Dec. 10, according to the church's pastor, Bill Rittenhouse.

Calvary, Pascagoula, To Present Dramatic Christmas Musical

Pascagoula's Calvary Baptist Church will present the Christmas dramatic musical, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," Dec. 10, 7 p.m. This will be a combined production of Calvary's sanctuary choir and the drama committee.

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas" is a Christmas dramatic musical arranged and composed by Don Wyszten. Live scenes on portable stages will be portrayed during the musical. The sanctuary choir will be dressed in attire dated back in the year 1883. The sanctuary will be decorated

to represent the 1800's. Mrs. Laurie Burkes serves as chairman of Calvary's dramatic committee and Mrs. Byron Mathis as director of the sanctuary choir. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Stokes are chairmen of the props and costuming. Buddy Mathis will serve as host narrator for the production.

Accompanists are Mrs. Vickie Hollingsworth, organist; Mrs. Annette Graham, pianist; Buddy Mathis, electric piano.

Byron Mathis is pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Smith Association, near Sylva, will observe homecoming and its 100th birthday, Dec. 10.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. with Billy Ray Smith, a former pastor, bringing the message. Lunch will be served and Ernest Sanders, another former pastor, will bring the afternoon message at 1:30 p.m.

All former pastors and former members are extended an invitation to rejoice in the birthday of the church. Jerry Glen McRaney is pastor.

Bellevue Church in Lamar Association, will observe its 26th birthday with homecoming Dec. 10.

The program will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. A covered dish dinner will be served and an afternoon service will begin at 1:30 p.m. James L. Yates is pastor.

Clarke College Academic Dean Gary Garner has been invited to serve on the National Screening Committee for the 1979-80 U. S. Graduate Student Program of the Institute for International Education. Garner, who studied in Austria as a Fulbright Scholar, will serve as chairman of the section for the selection of candidates for Fulbright-Hays and foreign-sponsored awards to Austria/Switzerland for the 1979-80 academic year. The Selection Committee meets in Atlanta, Georgia, December 6, to select the finalists.

Ron Wormser, acting Institute of International Education president, has expressed appreciation to Garner for his contributions to the U. S. Student Program in the past. This is the third year that Garner has served on the selection committee.

Staff Changes

Scott Lee, who has just returned to Hattiesburg from a one-year tour of directing the music for "Jeremiah People," has assumed duties as minister of music and youth at South 28th Avenue Baptist Church, according to the pastor, Alan Balliet.

Lee previously was assistant director of the "Continental Singers" for two summers. He has served as minister of music and youth in churches in Florida, Louisiana, and Alabama.

Lee is attending William Carey College.

The New Hope Baptist Church in Lawrence County has called Drew D. Blanton as pastor. He comes to New Hope from the Osyka Baptist Church in Pike County, where he served for six years and four months. During this time Osyka added a new fellowship hall, remodeled the educational building, and is now debt free.

Blanton is a native of Attala County and a graduate of Mississippi College. He has done some work at New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Lois Marilyn Cummins of Stewart, Ms. They have two children: Melinda, 13, and Michael, 8. They have moved into the New Hope parsonage at Route 1, Monticello, Ms. November 26th was his first Sunday at New Hope.

S. M. (Rocky) Henriques, Jr., has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Tutwiler, Mississippi. Henriques, currently serving on the staff of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., will complete the requirements for the Master of Divinity Degree at the New Orleans Seminary in mid-January, after which he and his family will move to the field. Henriques is married to the former Mary Ann Myers of Newton, and they have one child, Jennifer Leigh, eighteen months.

James M. Landrum is the new pastor of Goodwater Church in Magee. He leaves the post of minister of education and outreach at First Baptist Church, Newton, to accept the pastorate of the Goodwater Church. A previous story indicated that Landrum had been on the staff at Forest Baptist Church.

Roger A. Bowers has been ordained to the gospel ministry, by the Lake Forest Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. He has recently become the pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss.

Yellow Creek Begins Church Training Hour

A new Church Training Program was started in October at Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Tishomingo Association, according to Mrs. E. N. Allen, director.

The church began with a preschool department, a children's department, one youth training group, and one adult training group. The enrollment and attendance are both 28.

The first quarter's literature was provided without charge to the church by the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. This is an offer that is open to any church which will begin a Church Training Program.

Elvis Presley's Stepbrother To Be At Richland

Rick Stanley, the stepbrother of Elvis Presley, will speak at Richland Baptist Church in Rankin Association Dec. 13 at 8 p.m.

Stanley, now 24 years of age, became Presley's stepbrother at five years of age when his mother married the singer's widowed father. Stanley moved into Presley's home, and lived there until Presley's death. He worked for Presley as a bodyguard and personal aide from the time he was 17 until Presley died.

Stanley lived lavishly while Presley was alive, according to Stanley's account. With the death of Presley he went to California to work in the entertainment industry. A Christian girl friend influenced him in making a decision for Christ, and he has been telling the story of his dramatic salvation experience.

His personal appearance tours began during a Moody Adams crusade in Pearl.

It is not the experience of today that drives men mad — it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.



Highland, Laurel, Installs New Organ

A Hallelujah Sunday was celebrated at Highland Baptist Church, Laurel, on November 19, with the unveiling of a new Rodgers Organ. Ron Hylton, a representative of the organ company, was guest musician for the morning service and for a special demonstration concert that afternoon. Formal dedication services for the new organ will be held Jan. 14. Billy Trotter, professor of organ at Mississippi College, will be the guest musician for that day. The Dedicatory Recital will be at 7:00 p.m. Ralph Graves, left, is pastor; and Harvey Kelly, right, is minister of music.

Missionary Cannot Return To Turkey

(Continued from page 1) seminating "religious propaganda," which, he said, violates Turkish law. He said any effort to influence people to change their religion falls under the umbrella of "religious propaganda."

Leeper said it was the first time he had been informed of the charges. In his appeal to the ambassador, Hughey pointed out that the congregation in Ankara is 12 years old and it would be a serious affront to religious liberty for the Turkish government to forbid the congregation's right to exist and to have the leadership of a pastor.

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"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isa. 9:2).

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Open House At Clarke

Open house for the new president's home at Clarke College was held on Thursday, November 2, and on Sunday, November 5. A large number visited each day to view the home which is located on Highway 80 West and College Street across from the Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke campus.

The home was built through the generosity of Mrs. A. F. Bell of Jayess, Mrs. Virginia S. Fair of Louisville, and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Sanderson of Laurel. Their gifts, made through life annuity contracts, were in response to the work of W. L. Compere, president-emeritus of Clarke, who began the campaign for such a facility prior to his retirement. Only those

funds designated for the construction of the new home have been used in its building.

The home contains approximately 2,750 square feet of living space. The floor plan was developed with the realization that the structure would house families of varying size and serve a variety of functions over the years. Total cost of building, landscaping (when completed); carpets, drapes, and other amenities will be approximately \$75,000.

Clarke President S. L. Harris and Mrs. Harris greeted the guest.

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Here's How The Other Baptist

New York

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (BP) — The Baptist Convention of New York voted in annual session to explore relationships with Baptists in Canada and passed strong resolutions on world hunger and aging.

They voted a budget of \$1,258,389, of which \$318,312 is expected in state Cooperative Program contributions from churches in New York state and portions of Connecticut and New Jersey. Nineteen percent of the latter amount will go to world missions causes of the Southern Baptist Convention through the SBC's national Cooperative Program.

The Canadian resolution resolved that the convention's executive board "be requested to investigate possibilities for cooperation and interaction with the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec... to strengthen the witness for Christ without regard to political boundaries."

Two other state Baptist conventions — Northwest (Oregon and Washington) and Michigan — currently have churches in Canada affiliated with them.

Noting the world's one billion hungry persons and resulting deaths of half that number, the hunger resolution defined freedom from hunger as "one of the basic human freedoms" and urged specific action by Baptists.

It urged the churches to observe World Hunger Day, Aug. 1, 1979, "give liberally and systematically" through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's relief fund, and establish programs of Christian citizenship on behalf of the hungry in local communities.

Arizona

PHOENIX (BP) — Arizona Southern Baptists celebrated their 50th anniversary as a state convention, disagreed with an Internal Revenue Service ruling on private schools and honored their retiring executive director.

They also voted a \$2,089,843 annual budget, of which \$1,216,700 will come from Cooperative Program contributions of Arizona churches. Twenty-five percent of the latter amount will go to worldwide missions causes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The resolution on the IRS opposed a recent ruling that private schools must prove their innocence of racial discrimination in their enrollment practices in order to retain their tax-exempt status.

Messengers honored Roy F. Sutton, 70, who will retire Dec. 31 as executive director-treasurer, at each of the convention's five sessions. Gifts to Sutton, who began work with Arizona Baptists 32 years ago, and has been executive director since 1970, included a Cadillac to replace the convention-owned one he drives, a \$300 per month annuity supplement during the lifetime of him and his wife to make his retirement more adequate, expenses for the Suttons to attend annual meetings of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, and secretarial assistance.

J. L. Canafax, associate executive director-treasurer and state missions director, has been named interim executive director-treasurer, effective Jan. 1, 1979, in the event an interim is needed.

The convention marked the last time churches in northern Nevada, now affiliated with Arizona Southern Baptists, will send messengers to the Arizona annual meeting. Recently, the Nevada Area Baptist Convention was formed, mainly from churches in southern Nevada, now affiliated with California Southern Baptists, and the churches in northern Nevada. It will begin operation, Jan. 1.

Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (BP) — The annual Texas Baptist Convention meeting gave a resounding vote for Bold Mission Thrust with actions that range from increasing lay involvement to strengthening church-state separation.

Bold Mission Thrust is an ambitious effort by the 13-million-member Southern Baptist Convention to reach every person on earth with the Christian gospel by the year 2000.

Texas Baptists pledged their financial support for Bold Mission with a \$31 million budget, including \$10.9 million for the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program for world missions.

Milton Cunningham, whom messengers reelected as president, had launched a drive for more lay involvement in annual sessions. The messengers put feet to the movement with a resolution suggesting that consideration be given to changing the convention dates to begin Thursday afternoon and end Friday night. They further encouraged churches to provide financial assistance to lay people who wish to attend the convention.

A note of urgency for the Bold Mission Thrust goal to present Christ to the world by the year 2000 came from Dr. Wana Ann Fort, medical missionary to war-torn Rhodesia. "In Rhodesia we may not have that long,"

Dr. Fort told a pre-convention session of the Texas Woman's Missionary Union.

A personal Bold Mission incident took place at the convention when a security guard at the Austin Municipal Auditorium said he had found a peace he'd never known by accepting Christ as personal Savior.

The incident took place, said Lawrence Quinonez, 24, while he was talking with Bill Barnett, who heads the Mission Service Corps in Texas. Barnett invited Quinonez to accept Christ, and he did. "I felt a warm glow all over me," said Quinonez. "I came to work with a lot of questions, doubts and fears, and I'm leaving a different man."

Texas Baptists adopted updated guidelines on church-state relations, opposing government restrictions "that adversely affect the ability of the institutions to fulfill their distinctive purposes as Christian institutions."

Illinois

ALTON, Ill. (BP) — The Illinois Baptist State Association passed a resolution urging a seventh Southern Baptist seminary in the Chicago area.

The convention will forward the resolution to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee in Nashville, which is studying the feasibility of another seminary in the northern part of the nation. The study was authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention at its 1978 meeting in Atlanta last June.

Messengers also adopted, with a change of only \$500, a 1979 budget of \$4,797,821. It includes a state Cooperative Program goal of \$2,500,000, 41 percent of which will go to worldwide mission causes through the national SBC Cooperative Program.

The only major item of business involved was a motion by Leslie M. Huff of Carmi, Ill., that a committee of seven be appointed to study the possibility of a four-year Baptist college in Illinois, to be housed in the Baptist Building in Springfield.

Craig Ridings of Rockford, Ill., successfully moved to amend the motion for the study to include the possibility of Judson College in Elgin, Ill., providing such services instead of forming a new school. Illinois Southern Baptists contribute \$5,200 a year to the operation of Judson, an accredited four-year, private, Baptist-related college which has no affiliation with any particular Baptist body.

Messengers approved resolutions which proclaimed 1979 as the "Year of Evangelism," called for a simpler lifestyle and more sacrificial giving to world hunger, urged overcoming of prejudice between races, called for more wholesome programming in television, supported the SALT II negotiations with the Soviet Union, and appealed for human rights, especially in the light of persecution of Georgi Vins in Russia.

Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — Oklahoma Baptists turned down establishment of an Oklahoma Baptist Hall of Fame and broke with tradition by re-electing their president to a second consecutive term, for the first time since 1941.

In other action, elected "messengers" at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma voted an \$8,450,000 budget, of which 57 percent will go to the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, and commended the University of Oklahoma's president and board of regents for actions opposing homosexuality.

Messengers soundly defeated the hall of fame proposal, made in a motion by Hugo Lindquist of Oklahoma City and seconded by Joe L. Ingram, executive director-treasurer of the Oklahoma convention.

One pastor said he opposed it on a Scriptural basis that "the first shall be last" and others said the real holy hall of fame is in the "Lamb's Book of Life" (heavenly roll of Christians) and that it would be slanderous for man to select a hall of fame.

Lindquist rose after the defeat to declare that in light of the vote Oklahoma Baptist University should no longer award honorary doctor of divinity degrees, but he did not make his statement in the form of a motion and no action was taken.

A university spokesman later said OBU has awarded no honorary degrees since 1976.

Messengers voted to instruct the "Baptist Messenger," the convention's weekly news publication, to reprint Abernathy's presidential message, which spoke out for upholding the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible and declared that denominational organizations must remain subservient to the local church, the foundation of Baptist strength.

Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Tennessee Baptists approved an \$11.8 million budget, with 34.5 percent ear-

marked for world mission causes through the national Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program. The amount to SBC causes is a one-half percent increase and is the second year of percentage increase after 16 years of donating 33.3 percent nationally.

During floor action, a motion was defeated to oppose the Baptist Sunday School Board's recent decision to include passages from two translations, including the King James Version, in their Life and Work series, after once having deleted the King James Version from that particular series.

A motion was defeated to include the national Cooperative Program percentage as a regular factor in the determination of overage funds. That means the Tennessee Executive Board will continue to decide at its December meeting how to disburse overages. The Tennessee Baptist Convention has received gifts beyond its budget for 15 of the past 17 years. This year the overage is \$481,000.

Messengers appointed a seven-member committee to investigate the causes of world hunger and report to the 1979 convention how Tennessee Baptists can use their resources to help alleviate the problem.

Maryland

NEWARK, Del. (BP) — Maryland Baptists, after three years of deficit budgets, debated actions of the state mission board which limited the 1979 Cooperative Program Budget to only a \$6,612 increase over the current budget for 1978, which will experience a projected four percent shortfall.

In October, the board had approved the deletion of two staff positions, one currently filled, and the reduction in allocations to the state paper, the Baptist building operation - maintenance expense and to the agencies and institutions of the denomination.

In the opening session of the convention, former Maryland WMU President Frances Andrews presented a motion calling for an increase of \$5,000 to the WMU budget internally to preserve a staff position for adult promotion, currently filled by Barbara Elder, who came in June, 1977. After debate, the Andrews motion was approved by secret ballot on a vote of 122 to 119.

The total budget for the 1979 year amounts to \$2,157,858, including \$1,454,700 in receipts from Maryland convention churches. Maryland Baptists will send 40 percent of the Cooperative Program amount to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

In a series of resolutions messengers opposed decriminalization of marijuana, denounced the Anheuser-Busch beverage, Chelsea, also known as "Baby Beer," opposed tuition tax credits for private and parochial schools, decried state lotteries in Maryland and Delaware, and took action urging response to world hunger.

Florida

LAKE LAND, Fla. (BP) — Florida Baptists commended outgoing Florida Gov. Reuben Askew for his leadership in the recent defeat of casino gambling in the state.

They adopted an \$8,800,000 budget, with 48 percent — up one percent from last year — ticketed for worldwide mission causes through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program.

But messengers, overriding a motion of objection, approved a recommendation from the state mission board to keep gifts exceeding the budget goal in the state for missions and institutions, rather than sending 48 percent of the overage to SBC causes.

In other action, the convention authorized the state board of missions to borrow \$325,000 for construction of a Baptist Book Store building on convention property in Jacksonville. The Baptist Sunday School Board, which operates Baptist Book Stores, will pay \$40,880 annually to lease the building.

The convention also elected N. B. Langford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla., as president and set the 1979 convention Nov. 12-14 in Jacksonville.

Georgia

JEKYLL ISLAND, Ga. (BP) — Georgia Baptists debated policies related to ordination of women and approved \$14 million 1979 Cooperative Program budget.

William A. Powell of Buchanan, Ga., brought a motion asking presidents of Georgia Baptist colleges to prepare a list of church affiliations of non-Baptists on their faculties and to publish their lists in the Georgia Baptist state paper, "The Christian Index."

Powell's motion was quickly approved with absolutely no debate, but then messengers reconsidered the action.

The following day a messenger moved that matter be reconsidered, saying, "It may be illegal and it may hurt our schools." A brief but intense debate followed, highlighted by an

emotional statement by Kirby Godsey, new executive vice president of Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

"Yes, there are legal problems, but the real problem is alienation," Godsey said. "I believe that Baptist people and Georgia Baptist schools belong together. We need to believe in each other, to hold each other up... I don't believe this motion helps us to work together or to believe in each other."

Fewer than 100 messengers voted for the motion which had been approved one day earlier without debate. Powell did not speak during the debate on the second day. He is noted among Southern Baptists as editor of the ultra-conservative publication launched about five years ago to ferret out alleged liberalism in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In another matter related to Baptist schools, the Georgia convention approved, without discussion, a report from its executive committee reaffirming authority of trustees at each school to deal with such matters as professors being required to sign the statement of Baptist Faith and Messenger.

A messenger wanted the convention to go on record as being opposed to ordination of women and to tell denominational employees not to take part in such ordinations. Six denominational employees participated in the ordination of a female Baptist chaplain at Rockmart, Ga., in 1977.

The convention resolutions committee brought out a report which reaffirmed ordination "solely as a local church matter," but urging that denominational employees "prayerfully consider the beliefs of the majority of Georgia Baptists" before taking part in female ordinations.

When that report was presented, a brief but spirited debate resulted in all of it being defeated except the section reaffirming that ordination is solely for local churches to decide. The Georgia convention took a similar position in 1977.

The \$14 million Cooperative Program will be divided so that about 45 percent goes to Georgia causes and 45 percent to SBC causes. About 10 percent is equally shared for joint Georgia and SBC promotion and administration expenses.

The Georgia convention also adopted resolutions urging release of Russian Baptist minister Georgi Vins and his son, Peter, from prison, and support for the SBC Christian Life Commission in its efforts to improve content programming on television.

Kansas-Nebraska

WICHITA, Kan. (BP) — Messengers to the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists approved a total budget of \$1,555,779, which includes a convention Cooperative Program goal of \$833,000 in receipts from Kansas and Nebraska Baptist churches. Of the state goal, 21 percent is designated for world mission causes through the national Cooperative Program, an increase of one percent over last year.

The convention adopted resolutions that condemned television vulgarity, violence and nudity; encouraged Christians to teach positive biblical aspects of sexuality; and again commended the work of Kansas Richard Taylor and Nebraskan James Hamilton for their work against drugs and liquor in the two states.

Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. (BP) — The Louisiana Baptist Convention named the tax assessor of Catahoula Parish as president, voted a \$10 million Cooperative Program budget and took a strong stand against homosexuality.

It also adopted resolutions opposing immoral television programming, legalized gambling, child abuse and pornography and urged premarital chastity as a means of avoiding the need for abortion.

Messengers voted to send 33 percent of its state Cooperative Program budget through the national Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program for worldwide mission causes.

The homosexuality resolution, sterner than one passed in 1977, said, "Homosexuality is neither glamorous nor legal in the eyes of God and must therefore be viewed as a cancer eating away at the family structure as God's holy institution. We, as a body, abhor the very thought of homosexuality and view the practice as unnatural, offensive and totally contrary to the teachings of God's Word."

Kentucky

OWENSBORO, Ky. (BP) — In a session preceding the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the convention's executive board authorized legal action designed to remove the state Baptist office building in Middletown from the tax rolls of Jefferson County.

The action did not require approval of the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting.

The county tax assessor placed the building on the tax rolls several years ago on grounds that it was not a church used for regular worship. Kentucky Baptist took no legal action at that time, partly because a print shop was operated in the building.

The executive board decided the legal action was appropriate since printing operations discontinued last year.

Messengers adopted a series of mild resolutions. One supported the flow of information on world hunger, another commended the state racing commission for disallowing thoroughbred racing on Sunday, and one expressed opposition to the sale and use of alcoholic beverages in Kentucky State Park.

The convention adopted a 1979-80 budget of \$10.7 million, including a basic operating budget of \$8.8 million, a Bold Mission challenge goal of \$1.2 million and \$700,000 in anticipated additional revenue. Thirty-five percent of state receipts will go to worldwide mission causes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

West Virginia

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (BP) — John I. Snedden, who pioneered Southern Baptist work in West Virginia and was the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists' first executive secretary, announced his retirement at the convention's annual meeting.

West Virginia Baptists adopted a budget of \$620,995, of which 24 percent will go to national Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Snedden will retire Dec. 1, 1979, two months after he turns 65. He has been executive secretary since 1971 and was director of missions and evangelism for the convention for two years before that. He was area missionary in Charleston, W. Va., for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for 13 years before becoming missions director.

Resolutions were passed voicing dismay at the increase in legalized gambling in states around West Virginia and at the exploitation of sex on television and in movies. Other resolutions asked prayer for government leaders and supported the expression of love through marriage.

North Carolina

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — Writing another chapter in the continuing saga of Wake Forest University, North Carolina Baptists voted 1,276 to 1,048 to approve a substitute motion to study whether the university's status should be changed.

The current episode in the years of continuing debate over the university and its relationship to North Carolina Baptists developed with a request by the university that it be allowed to elect its own trustees, possibly including some non-Baptists and out-of-state residents.

Messengers also voted to urge leadership of the convention to continue to address itself to the matter of trustee selection and urge Wake Forest to continue to address itself to the matter of faculty selection and seek to bring additional Christians to the faculty.

In other convention actions, voted a \$16.5 million budget, brought the retirement age of its general secretary in line with federal retirement guidelines, prohibited state convention employees from serving on boards of state Baptist agencies, and voted resolutions opposing additional liquor-by-the-drink outlets and condemning immoral TV programming and urging support for world hunger relief.

Messengers ticketed 34.33 percent of the first phase of the 1979 budget — \$15.5 million — for worldwide Southern Baptist Convention causes through the national SBC Cooperative Program and 50 percent of phase two — \$1 million — for SBC causes.

Colorado

DENVER (BP) — The Colorado Baptist General Convention adopted a \$1.3 million budget that includes an anticipated \$770,601 in receipts from Colorado churches through the state's Cooperative Program unified budget, with 25.5 percent of that amount going to worldwide missions through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program.

A resolution on tuition tax credit to parochial schools opposed it on grounds of violation of separation of church and state.

It further urged Baptists to "exercise responsible Christian citizenship in influencing legislation" related to hunger at home and abroad and to "give generously" through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's world hunger relief program.

Messengers also urged support of the human rights declaration passed by the SBC at its annual meeting in June in Atlanta and urged Congress to incorporate the public interest standard into any rewrite or new bill regarding the 1934 Communications Act as it affects the broadcasting industry.

California

ANAHEIM, Calif. (BP) — California Southern Baptists dropped a constitutional clause imposing penalties on churches accepting "alien immersions" and practicing open communion and expressed disapproval to leaders — including President Jimmy Carter — who spoke in favor of California's Proposition 6 on homosexual rights.

They voted 469 to 179 to drop the clause prohibiting the seating of messengers at annual sessions from churches admitting persons with alien immersions or which allow open communion. The vote required a two-thirds majority.

The resolution on homosexuality, one of two passed on the subject, expressed "disapproval to political leaders and entertainment personalities who publicly encouraged people to vote against Proposition 6," an issue defeated by California voters which would have made it easier to fire homosexual school teachers who openly advocate their lifestyle.

The resolution specifically cited President Carter, California Gov. Jerry Brown, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan and TV star Ed Asner.

Meanwhile, a second resolution affirmed opposition to any law which might be proposed to make homosexuals a legal minority under the Fair Employment Act of California, but urged that Christians "continue to love the individual homosexuals and attempt to point them to Christ as Lord as we continue to deplore the sin of homosexuality." It further affirmed "our opposition to any laws that give special privileges to homosexuals that heterosexual adulterers do not have."

In other action, California Baptists voted a \$6,278,205 budget for 1979, of which \$3,587,000 is expected in Cooperative Program contributions from California churches. Messengers voted to increase from 26 percent to 26.5 percent the amount of the Cooperative Program goal going to worldwide Southern Baptist missions causes and set 1981 as the target date for the total percentage to reach 32 percent.

Messengers also adopted actions to financially assist churches in northern Nevada, who will leave California convention affiliation Jan. 1, 1979, to join the newly-formed Nevada Area Baptist Convention. They voted a cash gift of \$11,200, return of all gifts from Nevada churches to California's 1978 state missions offering, and establishment of special missions offering for the Nevada convention, Feb. 4, 1979.

Indiana

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (BP) — Indiana Baptists, celebrating their 20th year as a convention, underlined 1979 as a year of evangelism in Indiana and six other North Central states and urged consideration of their state as a possible site for a seventh Southern Baptist seminary.

The convention, part of the North Central Missions Thrust which seeks to double churches in the seven states by 1990, emphasized evangelistic growth and accepted an offer of assistance from Southern Baptists in Arkansas.

Charles Ashcraft, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, told Indiana messengers that Arkansas voted to join with Indiana in its year-long emphasis in 1979 to evangelize and congregationalize its state.

He said Arkansas churches have expressed willingness to send as many as 150 pastors to assist in revivals during a simultaneous crusade set for April 1-8, 1979. Goals call for starting more than 100 new mission points in Indiana.

The seminary action grew out of a study underway by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to determine the feasibility of beginning an SBC seminary in the northern part of the nation. The study was requested by the SBC in annual session in June. The Illinois Baptist Convention has already suggested Chicago as the site for a new seminary.

In other action, Indiana Baptists voted a record budget of \$1,429,891, of which \$972,500 will come through Cooperative Program contributions of Indiana churches. Thirty-one percent of the Cooperative Program figure will go to SBC worldwide mission causes.

In a series of resolutions, Indiana Baptists opposed parimutuel gambling, sex and violence on television, pornography, and homosexuality and commended the SBC Christian Life Commission for its stand on moral issues.

Michigan

CLIO, Mich. (BP) — The Baptist State Convention of Michigan adopted a \$1,636,919 budget during its annual meeting.

Messengers designated \$184,760 of their budget to world missions through the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

They adopted a resolution calling for an attitude of missions outreach that "specifically and pointedly" involves minorities in leadership positions.

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State Convention Meetings Fared

Missouri

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP) — Doctrinal issues took center stage during the Missouri Baptist Convention, as messengers exhorted Baptist colleges to uphold biblical inerrancy but refused to take a position on ordination of women.

In three different resolutions during sessions at First Baptist Church of St. Johns, messengers urged establishment of doctrinal guidelines for the colleges or that the convention take position on doctrinal issues such as ordination of women or the existence of a personal Devil.

Ron Moseley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Macon, Mo., introduced a resolution to "exhort" the trustees of the four Baptist colleges affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention to "preserve doctrinal integrity" by employing or continuing to employ professors who believe in "the inspiration of the whole Bible, the inerrancy of the original manuscripts, the existence of a personal Devil and literal Hell, the actual existence of a primeval couple named Adam and Eve, the literal occurrence of the miracles as recorded in the Bible, the virgin birth and bodily resurrection, and personal return of the Lord Jesus."

The convention's resolutions committee attempted to refer the matter to the various boards of trustees, pointing out that the resolution violated the convention's constitution and smacked of credulism.

However, the messengers refused. Moseley declared the resolution only "exhorted" the trustees and did not demand anything. About 60 percent of the messengers present and voting supported his position and the original resolution carried.

The New Madrid Baptist Association in southeast Missouri asked the convention to condemn ordination of women as "unscriptural" and "erroneous." However, the messengers supported the resolutions committee position that the request violated the convention's constitution concerning local church autonomy and was out of order.

In other action the 1,197 messengers approved a convention budget of \$8.1 million and directed a study of a possible statewide counseling ministry under the direction of the state convention.

The net budget designates 24 percent of all Cooperative Program receipts to mission causes outside Missouri through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program budget for world missions.

The study of the counseling ministry is an apparent outgrowth of financial difficulties at the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, St. Louis. Recently, to correct a deficit budget, the home dismissed more than 20 employees and cut back services in every area.

Other resolutions adopted by the messengers included opposition to an ambassador to the Vatican, to "bypass procedures" used by the U. S. Department of Education to skirt Missouri's prohibitions against public funds going into parochial elementary and secondary schools, and to an upcoming constitutional amendment on sweepstakes gambling in Missouri.

The messengers also expressed dismay toward the American Broadcasting Company's policy of cultivating evangelical Christian audiences through its subsidiary, Word, Inc., a religious publisher in Waco, Texas, while continuing to be a major polluter of the nation's air waves through ABC Television.

Penn-Jersey

PITTSBURGH (BP) — Messengers to the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey voted to enter into a working partnership with the Florida Baptist Convention.

In other action, they voted a long-range goal to triple support of missions through the Cooperative Program unified budget by 1982.

The working partnership with the Florida Convention grew out of plans developed cooperatively by representatives of each convention as a strategic means of reaching goals of the Bold Mission Thrust in "pioneer areas" where Southern Baptist work is new in the United States.

The convention adopted a total budget of \$1,092,858, including a goal of \$264,500 in state Cooperative Program contributions from 140 organized churches and chapels, with over 17,000 members. Twenty-five percent of the state Cooperative Program contributions will go to the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program budget for world missions.

Hawaii

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (BP) — The Hawaii Baptist Convention at First Southern Baptist Church of Pearl Harbor.

They voted to sponsor a major evangelistic crusade in 1980 and adopted a two-pronged "Bold Growing" goal for the next two years — Bold Growing in evangelism and Bold Growing in giving. They also urged a

combined baptism goal for Hawaii churches of 1,000 for each of the next two years, 1979 and 1980, considerably more than the 620 baptisms reported in 1978.

The convention's stewardship goal included a suggested 10 percent increase in church budgets for each of the next two years and a one percent increase in giving by churches to the Cooperative Program unified budget for world missions.

The messengers approved a total budget of \$720,145, which includes a state Cooperative Program goal of \$219,000 in receipts from Hawaii Baptist churches. The budget goal represents a 14.8 percent increase over the previous year's budget. The Cooperative Program goal, of which 25 percent will go to worldwide causes through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program, is a 10.6 percent increase.

Alabama

MOBILE, Ala. (BP) — Alabama Baptists made good their promise to Southern Baptists to support Bold Mission Thrust by adopting a comprehensive report of a special study committee which calls for major changes in both program and budgeting procedures for the next decade.

Major actions in the report include: 1. Increasing from 35.5 to 45 percent the Cooperative Program allocation to SBC causes beginning with the 1979 convention year and increasing one-half percent each year thereafter until the division if 50-50 after shared denominational expenses; 2. Approving a \$1 million Good - News - Alabama budget for a massive media blitz next spring; 3. Continuing the Bold Mission committee another year to furnish leadership for the effort; 4. Establishing a state Mission Service Corps for volunteer missionaries; and 5. Establishing goals and objectives for all agencies and institutions of the convention and offering goals for volunteer adoption by local churches.

In other action, messengers passed a resolution commending entertainer Anita Bryant for her stand against homosexuality.

Messengers adopted a \$10.5 million Cooperative Program budget, of which 35.5 percent will go to SBC causes, plus a \$1.7 million challenge goal, of which 55 percent will go to SBC causes, and \$4 million goal for offerings for a total \$16.2 million budget.

New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (BP) — The Baptist Convention of New Mexico approved the 1979 state Cooperative Program goal of \$1,306,148, of which 29 percent will go to the national Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget.

D. C.

WASHINGTON (BP) — The District of Columbia Baptist Convention will retain its present name rather than change to a name some felt would be more descriptive of the actual boundaries of the convention.

The delegates to the convention adopted a budget of \$461,715, a slight drop from last year. Ten percent of all undesignated receipts to the convention go to the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., Inc. The D. C. Convention is dually aligned.

The D. C. Convention extended congratulations to the Roman Catholic Church upon the election of Pope John Paul II and promised to pray for him.

The convention also adopted a resolution commending U. S. President Jimmy Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin for their efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East. It also urged the use of government resources "to assist... suffering people who will be the victims as plans and programs are carried out."

In response to attempts to crack down on drug use in the public schools in the D. C. area, the convention passed a resolution commending efforts to enforce drug use laws and to convict those who sell illegal drugs.

New England

DANBURY, Conn. (BP) — Southern Baptists in New England voted a total budget of \$859,000, of which \$115,944 is expected in Cooperative Program contributions from some 80 churches and missions in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. The balance of the budget comes from contributions from the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board and other sources.

Twenty percent of the New England Cooperative Program goal will go to world missions through the SBC's national Cooperative Program.

It's churches are officially affiliated with the Maryland Baptist Convention and it has voted a sister-state relationship with Virginia Baptists.

The 1979 annual meeting will be Nov. 2-3, Screven Memorial Baptist, Portsmouth, N. H.

Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — Messengers set a record budget of \$5.7 million and added another \$850,000 advance budget for Bold Mission Thrust missions needs. They designated 41.57 percent of the regular budget to go to world mission causes of the Southern Baptist Convention. That represents a one-half of one percent increase in Cooperative Program giving.

Messengers adopted a motion asking the Arkansas executive board to prepare a plan by the 1979 meeting which would move Arkansas toward a 1985 goal of giving 50 percent of the Cooperative Program budget to National SBC causes.

A resolution opposing the ordination of women as pastors and deacons never made it out of committee. A similar motion was passed last year.

A resolution reaffirming a policy adopted in 1966 against institutions and agencies accepting grants was called "hypocritical" since agencies now accept federal grants for services rendered, but it passed.

Resolutions that had an easier time were those against "no fault" divorces which make divorces easier to obtain; "filthy" television; abortion; the showing of sexually explicit films at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville student union and against the Equal Rights Amendment.

A plan was approved for more cooperation between Arkansas Baptists and National Baptists. It called for a joint evangelism conference in January 1979; a cooperative state convention session in 1979; associational fellowship meetings; and cooperative surveys to determine specific church program needs.

Alaska

KENAI, Alaska (BP) — After electing William B. Lyons, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage, as president, messengers to the Alaska Baptist Convention named Louise Yarbrough, director of religious education, Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage, as first vice president, and Maurice Murdock, a layman from Soldotna's First Baptist Church, as second vice president.

The convention approved a budget of \$878,644 for 1979, with \$106,271 of that amount ticketed for worldwide mission needs of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Reports to the convention indicated a Sunday School enrollment increase of 39 percent in Alaska Baptist churches and a baptism increase of 17 percent.

Northern Plains

MANDAN, N. D. (BP) — The Northern Plains Baptist Convention voted to assist mission work in Minnesota during the annual meeting of the four-state convention.

The convention, which covers Southern Baptist work in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, voted a budget of \$853,075 and to increase percentage from the Northern Plains Cooperative Program for worldwide mission causes of the Southern Baptist Convention from 16 percent to 16.5 percent.

The convention also approved an agreement with the Minnesota - Wisconsin Southern Baptist Fellowship, the SBC Home Mission Board, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas to begin working in at least 10 northwestern Minnesota counties where little Baptist work exists. Churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin are affiliated with Texas Baptists.

South Carolina

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C. (BP) — South Carolina Baptists narrowly approved a special seven - member committee to study the role of women in the churches and elected an immigrant pastor as president and a woman as first vice president.

In other action, elected "messengers" to the South Carolina Baptist Convention adopted a Cooperative Program budget of \$11.5 million and passed resolutions urging support of world hunger and controls on beverage alcohol.

Alastair Walker, a native of Scotland and pastor of First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., was elected president to succeed Lawton. He is the first immigrant elected president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Louie Lattimer Owens of Greenville, S. C., became only the second woman in the convention's history elected first vice president. She is the wife of the retired annuity secretary for South Carolina Baptists and has been a leader in the South Carolina Baptist Historical Society for about 30 years. For 20 years, she wrote a column in the "Baptist Program," called "Minnie Belle, Wife the Rev. Percy Vere."

South Carolina Baptists voted to give 35.5 percent of the basic portion of their Cooperative Program budget — \$10.5 million — to worldwide Southern Baptist Convention causes and 50 percent of the challenge portion — \$1 million — to the SBC.

Northwest

SEATTLE, Wash. (BP) — The Northwest Baptist Convention voted a major constitutional change regarding its statement of faith, set plans in motion for seminary satellites and adopted Bold Mission Thrust goals for 1979-82.

The convention, which covers Oregon and Washington and has some churches in Canada, voted to delete the convention's current statement of faith and replace it by the statement of Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963.

Throughout its 30-year history, the Northwest convention's constitution has included a statement of faith which each church was required to accept prior to its petition for membership and seating messengers at the convention. It declared that churches could accept only persons baptized by "a New Testament Baptist Church."

The statement of Baptist Faith and Message, which Northwest churches will also have to accept under this year's action, calls only for baptism of believers by immersion without mention of the church in which baptism occurred.

In other action, the messengers voted a budget of \$1,905,610, including a goal of \$1,100,000 in state Cooperative Program receipts from Northwest Baptist churches. They voted to increase by one percent the amount of the Cooperative Program goal going to national Southern Baptist causes, bringing the total amount to 29 percent. That's a nine percent increase over the last seven years.

The budget includes an advance total of \$100,000 to begin special projects, including seminary satellites in cooperation with Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Virginia

ROANOKE, Va. (BP) — Virginia Baptists narrowly defeated an effort to delete the University of Richmond from state convention support.

Elected "messengers" to the annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia voted 606 to 434 to continue financial contributions despite the controversy which has swirled around the university.

Opponents to continued convention support repeatedly cited opposition to biblical interpretation and campus lifestyle.

Last year, Robert Alley, then chairman of the university's department of religion, reportedly told a group of atheists that "Jesus never re-

ally claimed to be God or to be related to him."

Alley, a tenured professor, resigned his chairmanship during the controversy surrounding his statements and was shifted to direct area studies. He no longer teaches any religion courses.

Campus lifestyle allegations referred to policies of the university which allow students to drink alcoholic beverages in designated areas, although the university does not advocate such consumption, and to allow visitation of opposite sexes in dormitory rooms under certain specified conditions. One messenger also cited an advertisement last year in the university student newspaper of an R-rated movie to be shown on campus.

An abortion committee report, after much discussion, was adopted with only minor changes. The committee had requested that the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, discontinue all convenience abortions and requested that no doctor be allowed to perform an abortion without consulting with two other physicians.

A successful amendment requested that the doctor also confer with the hospital chaplain and/or family pastor before performing the abortion.

An unsuccessful amendment would have prevented abortions except in the cases of incest, forcible rape or to save the life of the mother.

In other actions, messengers rejected overwhelmingly and with no debate an effort to amend the convention's religious liberty report to support passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

They also resolved to oppose any legislation which would place Sunday Schools under state provisions for licensing of child care facilities.

Two laymen, Emmett Stroop, manager of an oil products distributorship in Harrisonburg, Va., and Melvin Harris, a certified public accountant from Alexandria, were elected president and first vice president respectively.

Messengers voted an \$8,100,000 annual budget, of which 38 percent will go to Southern Baptist Convention causes through the SBC's national Cooperative Program. They also voted to refer for study a motion to increase Cooperative Program percentage one percent per year over the next 11 years until it reaches 50-50 distribution.

Ohio

TOLEDO, Ohio (BP) — Messengers to the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio concentrated on retirement related matters during annual session in Toledo — learning of the retirement of their long-time executive secretary,

objecting to retirement actions by a Southern Baptist organization and voting a feasibility study for a proposed state retirement center.

Ray E. Roberts, who has led Ohio Southern Baptist work from its beginning as a convention, announced he will retire in June, 1980, at age 65 as specified by convention policy.

Roberts, dean of state Southern Baptist chief executives who assumed leadership when the Ohio Convention formed Jan. 8, 1954, said he had turned down suggestions that he extend his tenure because of new laws governing retirement.

In another action, the Ohio messengers barely passed a motion, by a vote of 73 to 63, objecting to a recent action of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee to supplement the retirement income of its chief executive, Porter W. Routh, who will retire Aug. 1, 1979, after 28 years in the position.

The Executive Committee voted to supplement Routh's retirement by approving an additional \$500 per month, with a \$250 benefit per month for Mrs. Routh if she survives him, and continued expenses for secretarial help and travel to annual Southern Baptist Convention meetings.

They voted a \$2,877,563 budget, which includes a goal of \$1,895,781 in state Cooperative Program contributions from Ohio congregations. Of that amount, 37.5 percent will go to missions causes of the SBC through the national Cooperative Program.

Utah-Idaho

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (BP) — Southern Baptists from Utah and Idaho approved \$712,907 total budget, of which \$194,699 is expected from Cooperative Program contributions by 69 churches in the two-state convention. Twenty percent of the latter amount will go to the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program budget for world missions.

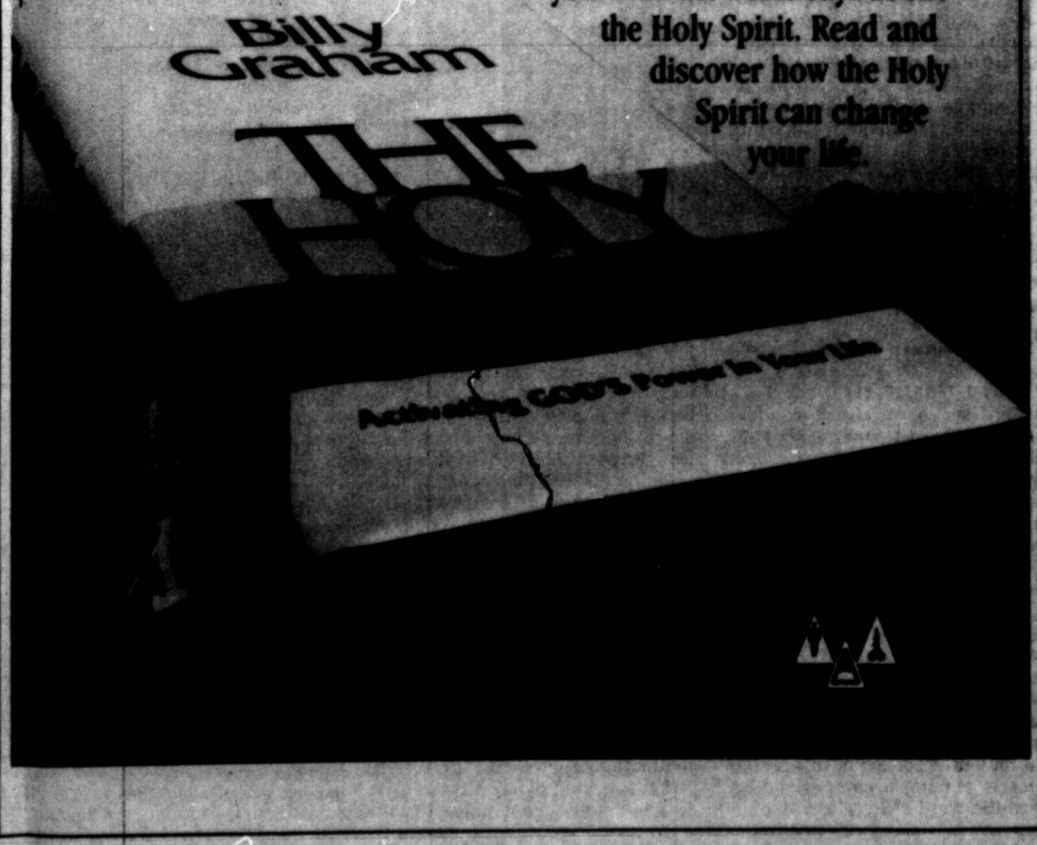
The convention's 1979 calendar includes extensive lay witness training. Scripture distribution and a simultaneous crusade, April 14-22, with assistance from the Home Mission Board's evangelism section.

I will delight myself in thy commandments which I have loved (Psalm 119:47). God wants us to be happy followers of Him. Throughout the Bible the words joy, delight, gladness, and other words of happiness are written. The way of a Christian is a happy way and we should be delighted in obeying His commandments that lead us into lives of happiness and service. — Lena Scott Price

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Ghana Appeals For Doctors In Surgery, Family Practice

NALERIGU, Ghana (BP) — A severe shortage of surgeons and family practice physicians has hampered Southern Baptist medical mission work in Ghana, according to reports from the Baptist Medical Centre, Nalerigu.

The centre, which has only one missionary physician currently stationed there, treats more than 4,800 inpatients and 28,000 outpatients a year.

A recent survey trip of medical work in West Africa brought even more clearly to light the problems of such mass medicine, Harold E. Hurst, associate to the medical consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, reported.

Hurst visited several nations, but found the need for career missionaries in medical work most acute in Ghana, where Walter M. Moore has been the only missionary physician for many months.

"How long will Southern Baptists allow this to go on?" Hurst asked. "We have an urgent need for surgical and family practice specialists in Ghana right now. Moore, a public health doctor by specialty, hasn't even had time

to develop badly needed community health programs because of the heavy patient load at the hospital."

No alternate medical care is available to the people of the Nalerigu area, Hurst pointed out. He said unless more physicians are found, time demands and the pressing needs will make continued health care for Nalerigu's people very difficult.

Moore agreed with Hurst. "Because of the shortage of physicians, W. Robert (Bob) Anderson, a dentist, and Diana Lay, a nurse, have had to help in clinics in screening patients as well as

on night calls," Moore said.

Anderson also acts as maintenance superintendent until someone can be appointed. This assignment, which involves keeping crucial hospital equipment operating, is another urgent personnel request from Nalerigu.

The pharmacist, J. Eugene Covington, is still in language study but had to assume his duties before completing his language education because of the personnel shortage.

Hurst said that at times Moore has completed 10 surgical cases and then found 300 outpatients waiting to see

him. This mass medicine, according to Hurst, at best can provide curative treatment for only the most urgent cases. With hundreds waiting to see the doctor each day, it's sometimes impossible to share an adequate personal witness or provide the best quality medical care, Hurst said.

A second physician, Frances Greenway, is assigned to Ghana but has not been granted her visa to enter and live there. Until Greenway, a long time medical missionary in Rhodesia, arrives, Moore must bear the physician's workload alone.

Baptists Provide Help For Philippine Typhoon Victims

By John L. Brackin

MANILA, Philippines (BP) — Only the rooftop sign appeared above the waters, as the muddy current of the Pasig River flowed silently through the open doors and windows of Palayan Baptist Mission. A few days earlier worshippers, loudly singing God's praise, had filled the little plywood building.

Then suddenly Typhoon Kading lashed the island of Luzon with 125 mile per hour winds and torrential rain, leaving thousands of Filipinos without food, shelter, electricity or a place to worship. The homes and church had already stood waist deep in water from Typhoon Yaning, which had struck just two weeks earlier.

No relief aid came after Yaning's passage, since typhoons and flooding are seen as a normal and expected part of Philippine life.

Then Kading hit, and more water swiftly poured in. Those who had two story houses moved their few possessions up, out of the water, as ground floors filled completely. Others evacuated to a school. The loss of a chicken, pig, or goat means losing everything, so men stayed in their homes sleeping on the roof to guard against possible vandalism. All of these men stayed wet, several developed pneumonia, and some died.

Flood waters still stand in the chapel and homes and some estimate they

will not subside until after Christmas. One of the biggest problems is obtaining uncontaminated drinking water.

Months will pass before lives can return to normal in parts of Manila. So Southern Baptists, assisted by hunger and relief funds allocated by the Foreign Mission Board, are trying to help.

The hardest-hit church in the city is Palayan Baptist Mission located about six miles from Cainta Baptist Church, a new Baptist work with only 13 baptized members. With the help of missionary Jack S. Branan, Cainta Church purchased food, brought it to their homes and worked until midnight packaging it for distribution.

The need is so great in the area that distribution in the crowded evacuation center is impossible. People, there from all over the city, have mobbed and clubbed anyone entering with goods to get part of what is offered. So Pasig Baptist Church, also in the affected area, became a distribution point for rice, whole powdered milk, sugar and dried fish.

About 140 families, or some 890 people, received food from Pasig Church alone. Fifty-seven of these were connected with a Baptist church, but aid was given on the basis of need and not church membership.

About 1,000 families, or approximately 7,000 people, were assisted through other distribution points. The

local missionaries cannot give aid to the entire area because of the unavailability of funds, but they have tried to minister to those parts of Manila which suffer the worst from the food shortage.

A total of \$35,000 in hunger and relief funds has been made available, but much of the money has been needed in other Central Luzon areas hit hard by the typhoon. Manila missionaries have tried to work through local churches to meet needs with the available funds.

Though Palayan Baptist Mission is the most flooded church of any denomination in Manila, Typhoon Kading also hurt other mission points. Antonio Fortich, pastor of the Pasig Church and members of his family carried hundreds of buckets of mud out of the church so that his congregation could worship the Sunday following the storm. Flood waters stood four feet deep Friday evening, but had subsided to leave ankle deep mud and slush by the time for Sunday School to begin.

Many other areas have also suffered. The list of devastation and hunger and even death continues to grow. But through all the tragedy and heartache, Philippine Baptists have kept their faith, used it, and strengthened it.

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Devotional The Key To Getting Is Giving

By R. Raymond Lloyd, Pastor

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Certain motives for giving have always given me some difficulty, especially the motive which says that I ought to give in order to get. And yet here is one of the most exciting and astounding principles of the Bible.

In Luke 6:38 we read: "Give, and it will be given to you; ... For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Straight forward words, yet a principle is imbedded here about which many of us have much to learn. When one begins to give as God's Word teaches, God starts giving more. One just cannot outgive God. The secret to getting is giving.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. ... Why? That whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God gave one Son — His only begotten Son — in order to get a billion sons. Here is the strategic principle of the Christian faith. It was God's motive in giving, and it applies in all areas of our lives as well.

If you are tired, go down the street and find a handicapped shut-in, and go buy their groceries for them, and you'll come home feeling marvelously refreshed.

If you feel unloved and lonely, start loving somebody; go to a Nursing Home and minister to someone really lonely; invite an international student into your home; love an underprivileged child, and you will have a whole new outlook on life.

If you feel the money crunch, follow God's Word, change your life-style, bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, then begin to give, and God will so bless you that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Missions can be generated for the Kingdom of God, souls will be won, Bold Missions will go beyond its goal, and God's people will not have one cent less.

I believe that God expects His people to give in order to get, in order to give more, in order to get more, in order to give more, in order to get more, in order to give more — ad infinitum.

Proverbs 11:24-25 reads: "It is possible to give away and become richer. It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others, he watereth himself." (The Living Bible). The key to getting is giving. Try it, prove it, and see.

Acteen Scholarships Are Available At Judson

MARION, Ala. — Judson College tuition scholarships of \$400 a year are now available to Acteens in the WMU Studiact Program who complete each of the five levels of mission study.

The Alabama Baptist woman's college began Acteen awards in 1974 to encourage 12 to 17 year old girls in mission education in their local churches. At that time \$50 per level was offered for each level completed.

This September the award rose to \$80 for each level, with a potential total of \$400 per year, almost a fourth of tuition expenses at Judson. The scholarships are renewable as long as the student maintains a "B" average, making a four-year total of \$1600 in awards, or \$1200 for students on the Judson three-year degree program.

To apply, each Acteen should have her leader fill out a Judson Scholarship Card when she has completed her achievement requirements for each level. This should be signed by her pastor and WMU director and mailed to Judson College. Leaders may request

scholarship cards by writing the Admissions Office, Judson College, Marion, Ala. 36756.

Of the eight young women who received the first Acteen scholarships, one is now in medical school, one in law school, one has her Judson degree and a nursing degree, one is a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, three are teaching, and one has headed the state Student Home Economics Association.

Members of Siloam Baptist Church founded the college in 1838. Today one of the oldest colleges for women in the nation, it has operated continuously in spite of civil war, fires and depressions.

Louisville, Ky. (RNS) — The Kentucky State Racing Commission has unanimously rejected a request to permit thoroughbred horse racing on Sundays. Quarter-horse racing on Sunday is already permitted in Kentucky, but parimutuel betting on thoroughbred racing would be far more lucrative, track officials say.

Uniform Lesson

God Speaks Through The Scriptures

By Jackie Hamilton

Highland, Meridian
Psalm 119:33,34; II Peter 1:16-18, 28, 29
II Timothy 3:14-17

I. A Prayer for Wisdom and Obedience (Psalm 119:33,34)

The entire psalm is a testimony of praise of the Word of God. It is the longest psalm of all, and the most formal and elaborate.

The Word of God furnishes guidance for living. The psalmist is committed to doing what the statutes of the Lord prescribe. In verse 34, the psalmist refers to the law. Law is "Torah" in the Hebrew. Perhaps the best equivalent for the world is "teaching." The psalmist is praying for understanding that he may govern his life by the teachings of the scriptures.

At no period in history has there been such a surge of Bible translations, revisions, and paraphrasings as at the present time. This increased interest in the Bible is exciting, because deeper meaning sometimes comes through the ancient text as a result of a new turn of a phrase or the substitution of a word. The Bible is being put into the language of the people. No one need say that the scriptures are stuffy or archaic.

Much can be found in the Bible. Do we want to open our lives to God, hear him speak, and learn his will for us? If we do, the Bible is the best place to find God for those who sincerely wish to know him and follow his leading. The psalmist who wrote these verses was such a person.

II. A Statement of Confidence in God's Word (II Peter 1:16-18, 28, 29)

In this section of II Peter, which could be broken down into verses 12-21, Peter declares and justifies his fixed purpose to do all that he can to confirm his brethren in the great doctrines which he had been insisting upon. These truths are those which refer to the privileges bestowed on them by the free grace of God: (1) the obligation to holiness which those privileges involved; (2) the certain ruin which followed in a failure to live up to the obligation; and (3) the triumphant entry in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ which was a consequent of fidelity, making the calling and election sure.

In the latter portion of this section Peter is making a comparison between the Word of Prophecy and the

Transfiguration. Prophecy did not need to be confirmed by any statement of Peter for it had been fulfilled by the gospel. The natural interpretation is that he was appealing to another witness, or a second one, and that was the voice or testimony of Jesus Christ. His word was even more sure than the historical facts referred to. If these false teachers denied the second coming of Christ, they would have to deny that He foretold it.

There is a right way to interpret the words of Jesus. The true interpreter of scripture is the Holy Spirit. The situation as Peter faced it was that some evil men were interpreting scripture so as to make it serve their ends; they were deceitful. Knowing this Peter says, "No man can go to scripture and interpret it according to his own private views and opinions; he cannot in-

terpret scripture and prophecy to fit his own notions and preconceived ideas." The Jews believed that the Holy Spirit brings God's truth to men and enables them to recognize and understand that truth when it is brought. I Corinthians 2:13 says, "Which things we also speak not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Holy Spirit communicating spiritual things by spiritual means." This rules out private cleverness, private ingenuity, and private prejudice in interpretation. There is a practical meaning which must not be passed over. For many generations the Holy Spirit has been teaching and guiding devoted scholars in opening to them the Holy Scriptures; therefore, we must humbly search their writings to find that the Holy Spirit would teach us through them.

III. A Statement of the Inspiration and Usefulness of God's Word (II Timothy 3:14-17)

Paul lovingly charges Timothy to hold fast those teachings, those doctrines, and that way of life which had been taught him from the Holy Scriptures at his mother's knee. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse" in their Satan-inspired deceptions, but the "man of God" is instructed to plant his feet firmly upon the "impregnable rock of Holy Scripture," as Gladstone called it.

Michael Faraday, the famous English electrochemist of a hundred years ago, was lying in bed very ill. A Dr. Latham found him in tears with his arms resting on an open Bible. "I fear you are worse," said Dr. Latham. "It is not that," said Faraday; "but why will people go astray when they have

the blessed book to guide them?"

Timothy had been taught the scriptures from his very infancy. As soon as he was capable of learning anything at all, his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois, drilled him in the Old Testament scriptures; as yet the New Testament scriptures were unavailable. Timothy's mother was a devout Hebrewess, and it was customary for such homes to tutor their young children in the scriptures. The Jewish writings abound with such examples.

We live in a day when the trend seems to be entirely in the opposite direction, including many evangelicals. These "authorities" would tell us that learning and memorizing scripture is of no value to little children because these scriptures are not related to the actual experience of the children. They are in the wrong. Timothy's example is substantial proof.

Over the years I have known of a good number of children who learned to read in their preschool years through memorizing scripture and by

engaging in other Bible exercises. In a day when Holy Scripture is not emphasized in our schools, it is the more incumbent upon all of us to make sure that our children from their infancy are taught and drilled, nurtured and matured in the Holy Scriptures.

It is true that the infidel can read God's Word and scoff; the poet may read them and only admire their excellence; the historian may consult them only as ancient records; the religionist may read them for the sake of fulfilling prescribed routine; and even the wicked ones may read therein so as to imitate those things which God holds up to be abhorred, but it "did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Hebrews 4:2).

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God." The entire phrase, "given by inspiration of God," is expressed in the original by one word, "theopneustos," which means "God breathed." This significant word, "God breathed," is used for once in the New Testament, and is not used at all in secular Greek. It would seem that God fashioned the word for the special purpose of informing us accurately how He transmitted his Word into the language of men.

The Bible is God's Bible. It is the index of eternity. It is authorized by God himself. It is "forever settled in Heaven." Let us submit to its undeniable authority and relish its indescribable sweetness.

Then I began to think, that it is very true which is commonly said, that the one-half of the world knoweth not how the other half liveth. — Rabelais

The more we do, the more we can do; the more busy we are, the more leisure we have. — Hazlitt

Conclusion

To attain God's forgiveness requires, first, a recognition of our debt. That is conviction. The servant did not argue about what he owed, he did not try to excuse himself. Second, we must realize that we cannot pay the debt. This requires mercy. It is only mercy that brought about his forgiveness. Conviction, repentance, and mercy — these three added together bring forgiveness.

This story warns us that God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of others are forever linked together. Have you done wrong? If so, you stand in need of God's forgiveness. Has any person ever done you wrong? If so, what have you done about it?

Life and Word Lesson

Forgiveness: A Two-Way Street

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Matthew 18:21-35

Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? 'Til seven times?" Did you notice that Peter answers his own question by suggesting that he should forgive seven times. It was the Rabbinic teaching that a man must forgive his brother three times. From this it was deduced that God's forgiveness extends to three offenses and that He visits the sinner with punishment at the fourth offense. It was not to be thought that a man could be more gracious than God, so forgiveness was limited by the Rabbi's thought to three times. Peter may have thought that he was being generous and expected to be warmly commended.

But Jesus replied, "until seventy times seven." By that He does not mean four hundred and ninety times but rather that forgiveness must be a continuing experience. There is no reckonable limit to forgiveness.

Just as the water flows continually

from the spring, so much forgiveness flow from our hearts. Jesus told the story of the king who cancelled his forgiveness of the servant who owed him ten thousand talents because that servant refused to show the same spirit toward one of his fellows who owed him. Thereby Jesus warns us that when we stop our forgiveness of others, God stops His forgiveness of us.

"Blessed are the Merciful"

This parable teaches the lesson which runs through all the New Testament — a man must forgive in order to be forgiven. Persons that do not forgive their fellow man cannot hope that God will forgive them. "Blessed are the merciful for they will obtain mercy." The door that the Christian opens to extend forgiveness to others is the same door through which God's forgiveness comes into our hearts. If the door is locked, to others, then it is locked to God's forgiveness as well.

When Jesus taught men to pray, He said, "For if ye forgive men their tres-

passes, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Heavenly Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:14-15). Divine and human forgiveness must go hand in hand.

The main reason most of us do not forgive is simply because we do not want to. Before you realize it, bitterness against some other person will spread over your system like a fast growing cancer. To cure a body afflicted with cancer, for example, is far easier than to take out of one's soul an unforgiving spirit.

Compare the Two Debts

One of the great points of the parable is the contrast between the two debts. The first servant owed his master millions of dollars. The debt of the fellow-servant owed him was a trifling thing. It would have been less than \$10. It was approximately one five-hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast between the debts was staggering.

The point is that nothing that men can do to us can in any way compare with what we have done to God. If God has forgiven us the debt we owe to Him, we must forgive our fellow men the debts they owe to us. Nothing that we can have to forgive can even faintly or remotely compare with that which we have been forgiven.

We have been forgiven a debt which is beyond all paying — for the sin of man brought about the death of God's own Son — and if that is so, we must forgive others as God has forgiven us, or we can hope to find no mercy.

Take a sheet of paper and across the top write, "The Sins of My Life." Sit down quietly and write down everything you can remember that you have done wrong. Forget about that other person until you finish making your own list. This will be a painful experience. You will most likely feel the acute need to fall upon your knees and pray, "God be merciful to me a sinner."